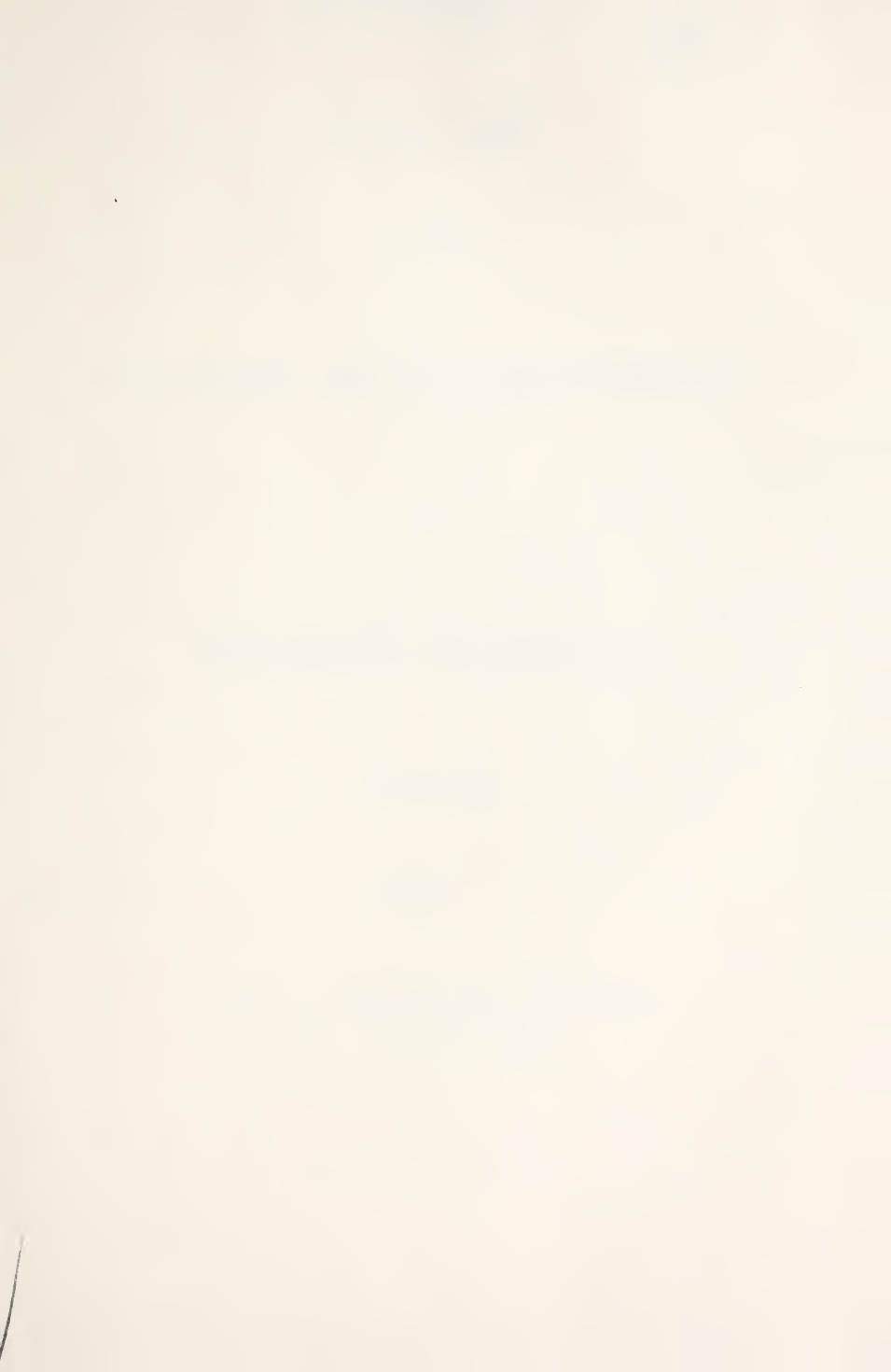






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**Journal**  
  
of the  
  
**Board of Supervisors**  
  
of  
  
**Branch County**  
  
**1908-1909**



**John L. McMurray, Chairman**  
**Leon A. Johnson, Clerk**

Supervisor Bidelman drew seat number 3.  
Supervisor Stansell drew seat number 4.  
Supervisor Tompkins drew seat number 7.  
Supervisor Corwin drew seat number 18.  
Supervisor Judd drew seat number 9.  
Supervisor Steffey drew seat number 16.  
Supervisor Bates drew seat number 5.  
Supervisor McKay drew seat number 14.  
Supervisor Rathburn drew seat number 1.  
Supervisor Johnson drew seat number 2.

Supervisor Johnson moved that the Board adjourn until 2:30 p. m. to give the Chairman time in which to arrange his Committees, which motion prevailed.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Chairman of the Board, Mr. McMurray, here submitted his report of the appointment of the following standing Committees for the ensuing year:

Committee on Equalization: Fox, Martin, Fenner, Johnson, Bidelman.

Committee on Ways and Means: McKay, Luce, Bates, Tompkins.

Committee on Sheriffs and Constables Accounts: Rathburn, Hoopingarner, Steffey, White, Bates.

Committee on Justice Accounts: White, Corwin, Gray.

Committee on Miscellaneous Claims: Martin, Fenner, Judd.

Committee on County Poor and County Property: Stansell, Dickey, Bidelman.

Committee on Roads and Bridges: Corwin, Hoopingarner, White.

Committee on County Drains: Steffey, Stevens, Fox.

Committee on Salaries: Luce, Gray, Corwin.

Committee on Printing: Stevens, Stansell, Tompkins.

Committee on Settlement with County Treasurer: Dickey, Johnson, Judd.



Committee on Inventory of County Property: Johnson, Rathburn, Fenner.

Committee on Litigation: Fenner, Martin, Stevens.

Committee on Settlement with County Clerk: Judd, Bidelman, Tompkins.

Committee on Insurance: Bates, McKay, Luce.

The question of auditing and allowing a number of accounts which had been filed with the Clerk being under discussion. Supervisor Luce stated that in his opinion since the law provides for the payment of a certain per cent on accounts by the Clerk upon presentation to him between sessions of the Board, he thought that this session should not extend into another day and moved that the accounts presented be carried over to the October session of this Board.

Supervisor Fenner supported the motion, which motion was lost by a majority of one.

Upon motion of Supervisor Martin, the said accounts were accepted and referred to the proper Committees.

The accounts of Mark F. Hiesrodt and four others were received and referred to the Committee on Sheriffs and Constables Accounts.

The accounts of Joseph H. Montague and four others were received and referred to the Committee on Justices Accounts.

The accounts of W. C. Bailey and one other was received and referred to the Committee on Printing.

The accounts of Dorrance Drug Company and thirty-two others were received and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, the Board adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Henry E. Straight,  
Clerk.

J. L. McMurray,  
Chairman.

**April Session. (2nd day) Friday, April 17, 1908.**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors room in the City of Coldwater, on Friday, the seventeenth day of April, A. D., 1908.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Upon call of the roll, a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of the last days meeting read and approved.

The following accounts were referred back to the Board and upon recommendation of the proper Committees, were audited and allowed as follows:

Name	Service	Claimed	Allowed
O. D. Chapman, Repairing Clock.....		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
W. G. Cowell, Prosecuting Attorney.....		45.68	45.68
J. B. Perry & Co., Supplies.....		5.50	5.50
Wm. C. Henderson, Physican.....		3.00	3.00
George D. Miller, Supplies.....		8.09	8.09
Dorrance Drug Co., Supplies.....		51.25	51.25
C. E. Wise, Supplies.....		4.10	4.10
C. J. Harris & Co., Burial Soldier.....		40.00	40.00
T. A. Hilton, Supplies.....		4.20	4.20
Henry Wait, Justice.....		15.70	15.70
Lorenzo D. Reynolds, Justice.....		5.50	5.50
S. W. Craig, Labor.....		3.67	3.67
Gray Coal Co., Coal.....		.85	.85
Orrin F. Thornton, Drain Commissioner.....		45.00	45.00
Fairbanks & Fonda, Supplies.....		8.09	8.09
O. G. Kellogg, Milk.....		2.76	2.76
C. J. Harris & Co., Burial Soldier.....		40.00	40.00
Daniel C. Card, Deputy Sheriff.....		164.27	160.27
City of Coldwater, Supplies.....		85.34	71.13
Keefe-Davidson Co., Current Law.....		6.50	6.50
Drake Law Book Co., Criminal Reports.....		5.25	5.25
M. J. Rawson, Burial Soldier.....		40.00	40.00
M. J. Rawson, Burial Soldier.....		40.00	40.00
W. C. Bailey, Printing.....		12.25	12.25
G. E. Kleindinst, Supplies.....		37.25	37.25
Wallace E. Wright, Justice.....		24.65	24.65
Warren A. Blye, Justice.....		20.40	18.90
Joseph H. Montague, Justice.....		41.30	41.05
Joseph H. Montague, Coroner.....		7.00	7.00



Virgil U. Hungerford, County Truant Officer...	94.06	94.06
George W. Payne, Marshal.....	14.50	14.50
Hart & Grice, Livery.....	2.50	2.50
Henry E. Straight, County Clerk.....	94.00	94.00
W. M. Welch Mfg. Co., Supplies.....	10.00	10.00
Ihling Bros. & Everard, Supplies.....	24.30	24.30
Doubleday Bros. & Co., Supplies.....	80.50	80.50
Gregory Mayer & Thom, Supplies.....	87.85	87.85
Hayner & Son, Supplies.....	3.86	3.86
John Taggart, Com. work.....	4.00	4.00
James R. Dickey, Com. work.....	4.00	4.00
F. W. Stewart, Physician.....	4.00	4.00
M. J. Rawson, Burial Soldier.....	40.00	40.00
James R. Dickey, Supplies.....	3.00	3.00
Wm. T. Stansell, Com. work.....	4.00	4.00
Mark F. Hiesrodt, Deputy Sheriff.....	143.00	143.00
Chas. F. Carpenter, Postage.....	17.50	car'd ov'r
V. H. deSomaskeoy, Physician.....	296.00	car'd ov'r

Supervisor Luce here introduced the following resolution:

Resolved that we members of the Board of Supervisors of 1908 would respectfully recommend to the different Township Boards of the county of Branch to fix the salary of the Commissioner of Highways at \$2.50 per day and the salary of the Overseer of Highways at \$2.00.

Supervisor Corwin moved the adoption of the above resolution, which motion prevailed.

Upon motion of Supervisor Dickey, supported by Supervisor Luce, the Clerk was instructed to notify ex-Treasurer Bennett of a small deficit in his accounts, arising from some delinquent tax sales.

Upon motion of Supervisor Rathburn, the Clerk was instructed to have the names of the Supervisors for 1908 and the townships and wards they represent printed upon the backs of their regular committee cards, and then mail a few to each Supervisor.

For about an hour the entire Board then took up the discussion of various features of taxation relative to the taxation of farm improvements, land contracts, live stock, automobiles, threshing machine outfits and other questions of general interest to the taxpayers of the county.

Upon motion of Supervisor Fenner, the Board here adjourned without day.

Henry E. Straight,  
Clerk.

John L. McMurray,  
Chairman.

**October Session. (1st day) Monday, October 12, 1908.**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch met in regular session at the Supervisors room in the City of Coldwater, on Monday, the twelfth day of October, A. D., 1908.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Upon call of the roll, a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of the last days' meeting of the April session read and approved.

Upon motion of Supervisor Dickey, the following reports of the Inspectors of Jails for March, 1908, and September, 1908, were read at length, accepted and ordered placed on file.

**REPORT OF INSPECTORS OF JAILS FOR THE COUNTY  
OF BRANCH, OF INSPECTION MADE MARCH 6, 1908.**

To Honorable Board of Supervisors:

The undersigned Inspectors of Jails for the County of Branch, in compliance with the provisions of law (Sections 2,665-2,670, Compiled Laws 1897) would respectfully report:

That on the 6th day of March, 1908, they visited and carefully inspected the County Jail of said County and found as follows:

I. That during the period since the last required report and the date of this examination, there has been confined at different times thirty-one prisoners chargeid with offenses as follows:

Offense	Male	Female	Whole No.
Disorderly .....	14		14
Assault and Battery.....	4		4
Statutory Rape .....	1		1
Securing Property under False Pretenses	1		1
Larceny .....	4		4
Violation of Parole .....	1		1
Perjury .....	1	2	3
Subornation of Perjury .....	1		1
Adultery .....	1	1	2

2. There are now in Jail detained for trial, 3.

There are now in Jail serving sentence, —

There are now in Jail awaiting sentence, —

There are now in Jail awaiting commitment, —

Number now in Jail, male 2; female 1; total 3.

Number of above who are under sixteen years of age, 3.

Prisoners detained for trial have been held in jail the following number of days each:

Two, three days each; one, eighty-five days.

Prisoners awaiting commitment have been held since sentence the following number of days each.

3. Number usually confined in one room by day, all males.

Number usually confined in one room at night, one.

(See section 2,655 Compiled Laws 1897.)

4. Employment, none.

5. Condition of bedding, fair.

Condition of cells, good.

Condition of halls, fair.

Condition of water closets, good.

6. What distinction, if any, is made in the treatment of prisoners? (Between those only held for trial and those serving sentence, etc.)

None.

7. Are prisoners under sixteen years of age at any time, day or night, permitted to mingle or associate with adult prisoners in violation of Section 5,555 Compiled Laws 1897?

No.

8. Are prisoners arrested on civil process kept in rooms separate and distinct from prisoners held on criminal charge or conviction, "and on no pretense whatever put or kept in the same room" as required by Section 10,534 Compiled Laws 1897?

Yes.

9. Are male and female prisoners confined in separate rooms as required by Section 10,535, Compiled Laws 1897?

Yes.

10. Is there a proper Jail Record kept, and is it kept properly posted and does it comply with Section 2,630 Compiled Laws 1897?

Yes.

11. What, if any evils, either in construction or management of Jail are found to exist?

None.

Recommendations,

None.

Frank B. Reynolds, Probate Judge.

E. Blackman, Supt. Poor.

B. F. Rolph, Supt. Poor and County Agent.

## REPORT OF INSPECTORS OF JAILS FOR THE COUNTY OF BRANCH, OF INSPECTION MADE SEPT. 15, 1908.

To Honorable Board of Supervisors:

The undersigned Inspectors of Jail for the County of Branch, in compliance with the provisions of law (Sections 2,665-2,670, Compiled Laws 1897) would respectfully report:

That on the 15th day of September, 1908, they visited and carefully inspected the County Jail of said County and found as follows:

1. That during the period since the last required report and the date of this examination, there has been confined at different times forty-four prisoners charged with offenses as follows:

Offense	Male	Female	Whole No.
Disorderly .....	18	1	19
Larceny .....	15		15
Securing property under false pretenses	2		2
Truancy .....	1		1
Assault with intent to commit murder..	1		1

Adultery .....	I	I
Horse stealing .....	I	I
Statutory rape .....	I	I
Held for Ionia sheriff .....	I	I
Violating parole .....	I	I
Fraudulent use of mails.....	I	I

2. There are now in Jail detained for trial, six.

There are now in Jail serving sentence, three.

There are now in Jail awaiting sentence, —

There are now in Jail awaiting commitment, one.

Number now in Jail, male, 10; female, 0; total, 10.

Number of above who are under sixteen years of age, none.

Prisoners detained for trial have been held in Jail the following number of days each: 78, 48, 22, 38, 1, 1 days respectively.

Prisoners awaiting commitment have been held since sentence the following number of days each, two days.

3. Number usually confined in one room by day, all.

Number usually confined in one room at night, one.

(See Section 2,655 Compiled Laws 1897.)

4. Employment, none.

5. Condition of bedding, fair.

Condition of cells. Those on north side, fair; on south side in poor condition caused partially by defective plumbing.

Condition of halls, fair.

Condition of water closets, poor.

6. What distinction, if any, is made in the treatment of prisoners? (Between those only held for trial and those serving sentence etc.)

None.

7. Are prisoners under sixteen years of age at any time, day or night, permitted to mingle or associate with adult prisoners in violation of Section 5,555 Compiled Laws 1897?

No.

8. Are prisoners arrested on civil process kept in rooms separate and distinct from prisoners held on criminal charge or conviction "and on no pretense whatever put or kept in the same room" as required by Section 10,534 Compiled Laws 1897?

They are.

9. Are male and female prisoners confined in separate rooms as required by Section 10,535 Compiled Laws 1897?

They are.

10. Is there a proper Jail Record kept and is it kept properly posted and does it comply with Section 2, 680 Compiled Laws 1897?

Yes.

11. What, if any evils, either in construction or management of Jail are found to exist?

None.

### RECOMMENDATIONS.

The walls and ceilings of all rooms down stairs should be re-finished.

Frank B. Reynolds, Probate Judge.

D. W. Dodge, Supt of Poor.

E. Blackman, Supt. of Poor.

B. F. Rolph, Supt. Poor, County Agent.

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, the following report and request of the Soldiers Relief Commission was accepted and adopted and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means:

Coldwater, Mich., October 6, 1908.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Branch County:

Gentlemen:

We have the honor to make the following report of the Soldiers Relief Commission for the year from October 1, 1907, to October 6, 1908:

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1907.....	\$ 428.44
Jan. 1, 1908, received voted tax.....	700.00

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\$1128.44

Paid orders from Oct. 1, 1907, to Oct. 6, 1908.....	897.78
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Balance on hand Oct. 6, 1908.....	\$ 230.66
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We have furnished relief to 52 soldiers or their widows during the year.



On motion of Mr. Seymour, it was voted to ask the Supervisors to raise one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the ensuing year for use of commission.

Wells Knapp, Chairman.

George W. Whitehead, Secretary.

Henry Seymour.

Upon motion of Supervisor Dickey, the following resignation of B. F. Rolph was accepted and placed on file.  
To the Honorable the Board of Supervisors of Branch County:

Gentlemen:

Section 1 of Act 163 Pub. Acts 1907 provides that the person appointed as agent for the burial of indigent soldiers shall be some person "other than those designated for the care of paupers etc."

I therefore have the honor to offer my resignation as such agent to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

B. F. Rolph.

Upon motion of Supervisor Bidelman, L. S. Daniells was elected by the Board to act as Agent from the Third Ward for the burial of indigent, deceased soldiers and their widows.

The accounts of Frank Barber and seven others were received and referred to the Committee on Sheriffs and Constables Accounts.

The accounts of V. H. deSomoskeoy and twenty-five others were received and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

The accounts of W. A. Blye and three others were received and referred to the Committee on Justices Accounts.

The account of John S. Evans was received and referred to the Committee on Printing.

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, the Board voted that the Assessment Rolls from the several townships and wards be placed with the Committee on Equalization and that the Township Clerk's Statements to the Supervisors be placed with the Ways and Means Committee.

Upon motion of Supervisor Dickey, the Committee on County Drains was authorized to investigate an alleged claim against the County of ex-County Drain Commissioner, A. N. Brinton.

Upon motion of Supervisor Bates, the Board adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Henry E. Straight,  
Clerk.

John L. McMurray,  
Chairman.

**October Session, (2nd day) Tuesday, October 13, 1908.**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors room in the City of Coldwater, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of October, A. D., 1908.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Upon call of the Roll, a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of the last days meeting read and approved.

The accounts of Henry Wait and three others were received and referred to the Committee on Justices Accounts.

The account of Owen & Baldwin was received and referred to the Committee on Printing.

The accounts of Van Aken Bros. and thirty-five others were received and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

The accounts of George W. Payne and twelve others were received and referred to the Committee on Sheriffs and Constables Accounts.

The account of Dr. V. H. deSomoskeoy was referred back by the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims and upon unanimous vote of the Board was allowed at \$296.00.

Upon motion of Supervisor Dickey, the reading of the County Drain Commissioners Report by Orrin F. Thornton, County Drain Commissioner, was made special order of business for Friday morning at 11 o'clock.

Upon motion of Supervisor Johnson, the election by the Board of Member of County Board of School Examiners, Members of the County Board of Superintendents of the Poor and Board of County Canvassers was made special order of business for Thursday morning at 11:00 o'clock.

Upon motion of Supervisor Johnson, the Board adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

**October Session. (3rd day) Wednesday, October 14, 1908.**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors room in the City of Coldwater, on Wednesday, the fourteenth day of October, A. D. 1908.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Upon call of the Roll, a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of the last days meeting read and approved.

Upon motion of Supervisor Dickey, the following report was accepted, adopted and ordered placed in the hands of the Ways and Means Committee.

The Report of the Branch County Superintendent of Jail and Alms-house work of the W. C. T. U.

Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1907 was.....	\$11.02
Expenses for conveyances the year.....	11.02

We could have held more meetings at the County House but was obliged to omit them for the want of funds. We hope you will grant us about \$20.00 this year for the work, and many thanks for the past kindness.

Mrs. Adella C. Knepp,  
County Supt.

Upon motion of Supervisor Fenner, the Board voted to allow the \$20.00 asked for in the above report, and instructed the Clerk to draw an order for the same in favor of Mrs. Knepp.

Upon motion of Supervisor Dickey, the Secretary of the Soldiers Relief Commission was instructed to present to the Board at the January session an itemized statement of the disbursements of the Commission for the past year.

The accounts of D. C. Allen and fourteen others were received and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

The accounts of Alphonso Tyler and three others were received and referred to the Committee on Sheriffs and Constables Accounts.

The account of Horace Kitchel was received and referred to the Committee on Printing.

The following accounts were referred back to the Board and upon recommendation of the proper Committees were audited and allowed as follows.

Name	Service	Claimed	Allowed
Alanson T. Kinney, Justice of the Peace.....		\$ 58.15	\$ 58.15
Albert Marshall, Justice of the Peace.....		2.75	2.75
Henry Wait, Justice of the Peace.....		2.75	2.75
A. L. Bowen, Justice of the Peace.....		6.65	6.65
Charles N. Legg, Justice of the Peace.....		117.60	117.60
Joseph H. Montague, Justice of the Peace.....		107.80	108.30
Wallace E. Wright, Justice of the Peace.....		30.65	30.65
W. A. Blye, Justice of the Peace.....		37.90	37.90
J. S. Evans, Printing.....		2.55	2.55
Owen & Baldwin, Printing.....		22.30	20.30
Frank Barber, County Game Warden.....		34.00	34.00
T. J. Nixon, Livery.....		9.25	9.25
Charles T. Waffle, Order of Sheriff.....		5.50	5.50
John Hardenbrook, Locks and Unlocks.....		78.45	79.45
John Hardenbrook, Incidentals.....		33.62	33.62
Mrs. John Hardenbrook, Prisoners washing....		34.66	37.63
John Hardenbrook, Drawing Jury, etc.....		82.00	82.00
Philo Gary, Deputy Sheriff.....		17.00	17.00
George W. Payne, Ex-Marshal.....		3.00	3.00
Basile Pechorell, Interpreter.....		3.00	3.00
V. U. Hungerford, Truant Officer.....		132.25	132.25
Albert A. Carroll, Sheriff.....		1.50	1.50
Dan C. Card, Deputy Sheriff.....		499.43	499.43
Charles J. Keeslar, Deputy Sheriff.....		9.00	9.00
Frank Bidelman, Livery.....		10.00	10.00
Herbert Lockwood, Order Sheriff.....		4.00	4.00

B. F. Rolph, Secretary of the Board of County Superintendents of the Poor, submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Branch County, Michigan:

Gentlemen:

The Board of Superintendents of the Poor of said County submit the following report for the year ending June 30, 1908:

Total number of inmates in the County House during the year, 64; males, 36; females, 28; average number, 43 4-5.

Number of deaths of inmates, 7.

Number of persons receiving temporary relief outside of poor house, 391.

Number of permanent paupers maintained outside of County House, 15; whole number of persons receiving assistance in any form, 491.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

#### Receipts:

Appropriation .....	\$12,000.00	
From Insurance .....	1,650.00	
Products from County Farm sold.....	874.72	
From all other sources.....	870.37	\$15,395.09

#### Expenditures:

Maintaining County House and Farm.....	9,329.02	
Temporary Relief (all outside C'y House)..<	5,173.69	14,502.71
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		\$ 892.38

The Board respectfully request that the following appropriations be made:

For maintaining County House and Farm.....	\$6,000.00
For Temporary Relief.....	5,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

E. Blackman,  
D. W. Dodge,  
B. F. Rolph,  
Superintendents of Poor.

### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE ABOVE BOARD.

Expenditures on account of the Poor of Branch County for the year ending June 30, 1908.



Expenditures on account of poor people of Branch County, Mich., for the year ending June 30, 1908.

Temporary Relief (outside of County House)

Month	Totals	Per Pauper	Miscell's	Clothing	Food	Fuel	Transp'n	Medical	Supr's expenses	Supr's expenses	Funeral	Hospital
July, 1907	597 75	53 25	8 73	5 75	22 37	16 65	45	58 34	14 25	2 30	5 00	
August, "	553 91	50 25	7 75	3 50	89 71	2 00	79	17 83	11 89	9 40	21 00	
September, "	851 51	51 50	7 30	4 75	45 78	11 30		74 34	18 70	2 75		
October, "	1457 96	47 25	16 75	1 11	207 78	47 07	8 91	201 46	16 55	19 50	50	
November, "	1395 70	64 00	7 50	18 75	49 60	89 75		24 34	39 53	2 50	20 00	15 00
December, "	1400 17	50 95	10 00	5 25	88 17	98 33		89 14	12 02	1 50		
January, 1908	3286 94	45 00	11 25	49 19	198 28	195 50	10 03	147 83	18 07	12 75	26 93	52 14
February, "	1202 32	63 25	4 00	11 32	143 82	147 71	6 62	142 17	33 52	7 77	8 00	41 00
March, "	986 01	65 25	13 85	76 63	157 49	172 84	1 11	39 84	11 30		15 00	
April, "	1093 04	63 00	3 75	48 74	181 98	167 14	7 43	130 92	21 55	18 92	25 00	
May, "	994 69	36 25	23 91	11 75	149 67	77 00	31 12	144 75	18 63	2 50	17 00	86 95
June, "	682 71	52 25	5 75	20 25	95 04	33 50	2 64	116 05	12 88		7 00	
Total,	14502 71	642 20	120 54	196 99	1429 69	1058 79	69 10	1187 01	228 89	79 89	145 43	195 09

County House

County Farm

	Keeper	Phys'n	Food	Cloth'g	Fuel	Medic'n	Furn'te	Tobacco	Labor	Misc'l's	Repairs	Feed	Farm Impts	Labor	H'dw'r	Black- smith'g	Misc'l's
July	60 00	37 50	111 85	32 43	10 00	4 10			58 50	20 49	7 30			46 00	19 39	3 10	51 00
Aug	60 00		113 93	19 15			46 50	7 52	42 00	42 79		1 03		44 00	14 47	3 40	15 25
Sept	60 00		69 40	18 99	281 92	19 55	46 50	5 72	42 25	17 25	3 29	2 86		38 13		15 02	5 55
Oct	60 00	37 50	64 60		163 06	8 35	82 48	5 26	43 75	365 64						2 70	
Nov	120 00		137 97	72 16		8 35	3 50	6 91	68 00		466 11	2 13	21 85	110 00		9 20	38 55
Dec	60 00		56 94	67 40	134 40	5 90	25 30	5 82	19 25	119 54	596 50	24 00	8 50	6 56			
Jan	60 00	37 50	96 69	54 68		17 90		6 42	63 75		1917 44	109 00		48 06	9 03	26 70	47 50
Feb	66 67		112 41	5 20	168 63	11 85		4 66	77 00	25 10	16 42	25 00		22 00	7 45	5 75	45 00
Mar	66 67		81 09	6 83	170 21	14 00	14 01	4 66	66 00	16 60	16 60	12 82		22 00	9 40		5 80
Apr	66 67	37 50	90 49	50 52		10 90	14 01	5 82	55 00	18 79	28 75	6 75		16 00	8 80	4 02	10 60
May	66 67		85 31	28 98		12 08	24 50	5 82	66 50	8 57	34 16	3 59	25 00	20 53	7 20	3 00	3 25
Jun	66 67		107 16	8 20		6 55		5 82	79 49	27 32		2 50		22 00	1 70	7 00	2 94
Total	753 35	150 00	1127 84	364 56	928 22	111 18	196 28	64 43	681 49	652 09	36 86	57 80	68 164 35	395 28	77 44	79 89	225 44



In addition to the above report, Mr Rolph made the following suggestions in behalf of the Board of County Superintendents of the Poor:

First, that an addition be built to the County House which will provide room for about twenty-four additional inmates at an expense of about \$3,200.

Second, That a fire protection system be installed at an expense of about \$3,000.

Third, That the keeper's salary be raised from \$720 to \$800 per year.

Upon motion of Supervisor Dickey, the above report was accepted, adopted and ordered placed upon the record, and the suggestions, with plans, specifications, blue prints and estimates of cost were referred to the Committee on County Poor and County Property.

Supervisor McKay, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Ways and Means would respectfully submit the following estimates of the amounts necessary to be raised by tax for County purposes and move its adoption:

Supervisors Orders .....	\$12,000.00
Superintendents of the Poor.....	11,000.00
Jurors Orders .....	1,500.00
Witness Orders .....	500.00
Insane Asylum .....	2,000.00
Soldiers Relief .....	800.00
Probate Judge .....	1,400.00
Probate Register .....	350.00
County Clerk .....	700.00
County Treasurer .....	1,000.00
Prosecuting Attorney .....	1,000.00
Prosecuting Attorney Stenographer .....	150.00
School Commissioner .....	1,500.00
School Examiners .....	200.00
County Normal .....	150.00
Janitor .....	550.00

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\$34,800.00

C. McKay.  
E. G. Luce.  
Edwin R. Bates.  
J. T. Tompkins.

Upon call of the ayes and nays, the above report was unanimously adopted by the Board.

With a few introductory remarks, Supervisor Dickey introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Chairman appoint a committee of three to investigate the fees charged and collected by the Probate Judge and ascertain whether such fees are lawful or unlawful and that said committee have authority to employ counsel if in their judgment they deemed it necessary, and that they report their findings to this Board as soon as possible.

Supervisor Bates offered an amendment to the above resolution that all salaried county offices be included.

Supervisor Luce moved to lay the whole matter on the table until the January session of this Board.

Supervisor Dickey called for the ayes and nays on the Luce motion, which resulted as follows:

Ayes—Supervisors Gray, Fenner, White, McMurray, Martin, Luce, Stevens, Corwin, Bates, McKay, Rathburn, Johnson, 12.

Nays—Supervisors Fox, Hoopingarner, Dickey, Bidelman, Stansell, Tompkins, Judd, Steffey, 8.

Supervisor Bates, in behalf of the County Normal Training Class, extended an invitation to the Board to be entertained at luncheon Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Upon motion of Supervisor Luce, the above invitation was most heartily accepted.

B. F. Rolph, Secretary of the Board of County Superintendents of the Poor, extended an invitation to the Board to visit the County Farm and buildings Thursday, leaving the court house at 12 o'clock which invitation was accepted by the Board.

Upon motion of Supervisor Fenner, the Board adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Henry E. Straight,  
Clerk.

John L. McMurray,  
Chairman.

October Session. (4th day) Thursday, October 15, 1908.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors room in the City of Coldwater, on Thursday, the fifteenth day of October, A. D., 1908.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Upon call of the Roll a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of the last days meeting read and approved.

Supervisor Bates at this time in behalf of the entire Board, presented to Supervisor Rathburn in a very happy manner a very substantial rocker in honor of his recent marriage.

Supervisor Rathburn thanked the Board most heartily and pledged kindly remembrance of its evidence of friendship.

The accounts of G. E. Kleindinst and one other were received and referred to the Committee on Printing.

The accounts of Fox & Tyler and two others were received and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

The accounts of C. A. Marquette and one other were received and referred to the Committee on Sheriffs and Constables Accounts.

The time having arrived for special order of business, Supervisor McKay presented the name of DeWitt W. Dodge to succeed himself as member of the Board of County Superintendents of the Poor and moved that the Clerk be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Board for his election, which motion prevailed.

Supervisor Bates presented the name of Albert W. Russell as a candidate to succeed himself as member of the County Board of School Examiners and moved that the Clerk be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Board for his election, which motion prevailed.

Supervisor Dickey presented the name of Charles Culp as Member of the Board of County Canvassers and moved that the Clerk be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Board for his election, which motion prevailed.

Supervisor McKay presented the name of John O'Shaughnessy as Member of the Board of County Canvassers to succeed himself and moved that the Clerk be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Board for his election, which motion prevailed.

Supervisor McMurray presented the name of D. T. Bascom as Member of the Board of County Canvassers and moved that the Clerk be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Board for his election, which motion prevailed.

Supervisor Luce, Chairman of the Committee on Salaries, presented the following report:

Your Committee on Salaries would respectfully recommend that the salaries of the several county officers be fixed for the respective terms for which they have been elected as follows:

County Treasurer.....	\$1,000.00
Probate Register.....	350.00
County Clerk.....	700.00
Prosecuting Attorney.....	1,000.00
Prosecuting Attorney Stenographer.....	150.00
County Commissioner of Schools.....	1,500.00
(Said Comm'er to pay all his expenses including postage.)	
Janitor .....	550.00

Emery G. Luce,

P. D. Gray,

Lewis J. Corwin,

Committee.

Supervisor Dickey moved to amend the above report by substituting \$1,200 in place of \$1,000 as salary for County Treasurer.

The ayes and nays being called for resulted as follows:

Ayes—Supervisors Dickey, Stevens, Stansell, Tompkins, McKay, 5.

Nays—Supervisors Gray, Fox, Fenner, Hoopingarner, White, McMurray, Martin, Luce, Bidelman, Corwin, Judd, Steffey, Bates, Rathburn, Johnson, 15.

Supervisor Stansell moved to amend the above report by substituting \$600 in place of \$550 as salary of Janitor.

The ayes and nays being called for resulted as follows:

Ayes—Supervisors Dickey, Stevens, Bidelman, Stansell, Tompkins, Johnson, 6.

Nays—Supervisors Gray, Fox, Fenner, Hoopingarner, White, McMurray, Martin, Luce, Corwin, Judd, Steffey, Bates, McKay, Rathburn, 14.

Upon motion of Supervisor Luce, the report was adopted as presented.

The following accounts were referred back to the Board and upon recommendation of the proper committees were audited and allowed as follows:

Name	Service	Claimed	Allowed
John Hardenbrook,	Time and Expense.....	\$1,122.06	\$1,122.06
John Hardenbrook,	Prisoners Board.....	418.05	418.05
George J. McCrodan,	Deputy Sheriff.....	127.67	127.67
Horace Kitchel,	Printing.....	10.05	7.55

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, the Board adjourned until 2:30 p. m.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Supervisor Fox, Chairman of the Committee on Equalization, submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Branch County:

Your Committee on Equalization to whom the Assessment Rolls of the several Townships and Wards were referred, have examined the same and respectfully report as follows:



Townships and Wards	Acres	Per Acre	Assessed 1903	Added	Deduct- ed.	Equalized 1908	Personal	Total
Algansee .....	21630	\$34 74	\$ 754225	.....	\$ 2775	\$ 751450	\$ 101300	\$ 852750
Batavia .....	21230	34 56	737570	.....	3720	733850	123080	856930
Bethel .....	22960	30 48	916360	.....	4610	911750	106750	1118500
Bronson .....	22680	36 74	1150420	.....	15720	1134700	258350	1393050
Bu Jer .....	22526	33 41	760440	.....	7790	752650	92305	844955
California .....	13260	33 68	448925	.....	2275	446650	70405	517055
Coldwater Township...	13260	44 33	1115775	.....	2625	1113150	132440	1245590
Coldwater City .....	18671	.....	2843670	.....	25000	2820670	1370070	4190740
Gilead .....	12925	37 58	473210	12540	.....	485750	77630	563380
Girard .....	22209	35 10	733830	46070	.....	779900	146600	926500
Kindershook .....	12244	31 18	371720	10080	.....	381800	79900	461700
Matteson .....	22697	32 42	750730	.....	1378	745650	97160	843110
Noble .....	13227	27 10	360380	.....	1830	358550	52710	411260
Ovid .....	20695	33 72	626430	71470	.....	697900	108080	805980
Quincy .....	21690	.....	1628450	.....	28050	160040	408575	2009975
Sherwood .....	22129	35 55	793610	.....	6960	786650	123 00	909650
Union .....	21744	36 46	1518040	.....	2640	1515400	438070	1953470
Totals .....	312517	.....	\$15994785	140160	117775	16017170	3787425	19804595

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A. O. Fox,  
 George Martin,  
 C. C. Fenner,  
 Leon A. Johnson,  
 E. A. Bidelman, Committee.

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After some discussion, the above report was accepted and adopted by the following aye and nay vote:

Ayes—Supervisors Gray, Fox, Fenner, Hoopingarner, White Martin, Dickey, Stevens, Bidelman, Stansell, Tompkins, Judd, Steffey, McKay, Johnson, McMurray, 15.

Nays—Supervisors Luce, Corwin, Bates, Rathburn, 4.

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, supported by Supervisor Luce, a communication to the Board of Supervisors of Wayne County, Michigan, favoring an affirmative vote on next November upon the adoption of the new Constitution for Michigan, was laid upon the table.

Upon motion of Supervisor Martin, a communication from Attorney Fred A. Baker, Counsel for the Detroit Real Estate Board, relative to the number of signed statements in possession of the several Supervisors in the county which they received during the period of their taking the assessment of property last spring, was laid upon the table.

Upon motion of Supervisor Luce, Supervisor Fox was excused from Friday's session of the Board.

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, the Board adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Henry E. Straight,  
Clerk.

John L. McMurray,  
Chairman.

### October Session. (5th day) Friday, October 16, 1908.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors room in the City of Coldwater, on Friday, the sixteenth day of October, A. D., 1908.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Upon call of the Roll, a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of the last days meeting read and approved.

The accounts of Henry Runyan and three others were received and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

Supervisor Stansell here presented the following report:  
To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Branch County:

Your Committee on County Poor and County Property to whom the plans and specifications submitted by the Superintendents of the Poor to the Board of Supervisors was referred, respectfully report as follows: That after considering the necessity of the repairs and improvements asked for by them would respectfully recommend that the repairs on the building be made and the work commenced at once.

W. T. Stansell, Chairman.  
James R. Dickey,  
E. A. Bidelman,  
J. T. Tompkins.

Supervisor McKay moved that the above report be accepted and adopted and that the Committee on County Poor and County Property be authorized to enter into a contract with A. A. Sherman to perform the work contemplated for a sum not to exceed \$3,200.

Supervisor Hoopingarner supported the above motion. The ayes and nays being called for resulted as follows:

Ayes—Supervisors Gray, Fenner, Hoopingarner, White, McMurray, Martin, Luce, Dickey, Stevens, Bidelman, Stansell, Tompkins, Corwin, Judd, Steffey, Bates, McKay, Rathburn, Johnson, 19.

Nays—None.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hoopingarner, the Board in Committee of the Whole audited and allowed a claim of Turner & Bushnell for \$31.60, for the burial of an indigent person who resided in Bethel township.

The following accounts were referred back to the Board and upon recommendation of the proper committees, were audited and allowed as follows:

Name	Service	Claimed	Allowed
Ihling Bros. & Everard, Supplies.....		\$ 23.60	\$ 23.60
Doubleday Bros. & Co., Supplies.....		221.45	221.45
Bobbs-Merrill Co., Supplies.....		7.50	7.50
Drake Law Book Co., Supplies.....		11.25	11.25
Bradley & Sorin Co., Supplies.....		3.50	3.50
Frank Shepard Co., Supplies.....		1.00	1.00
The Citator Pub. Co., The Citator.....		3.00	3.00
Detroit Legal News Co., Legal News.....		4.00	4.00
Elliott-Fisher Co., Supplies.....		7.00	7.00
Callaghan & Co.....		.45	.45
Keefe-Davidson Co., Current Law.....		6.50	6.50
West Publishing Co., Books.....		117.00	117.00
A. A. Sherman, Labor.....		34.60	34.60
Van Aken Bros., Livery.....		15.00	15.00
C. J. Harris & Co., Burial Soldier.....		25.00	25.00
Van Aken Bros., Livery.....		9.00	9.00
J. B. Branch & Co., Supplies.....		89.34	89.34
George S. Allen, Supplies.....		4.00	4.00
C. L. Ball, Labor.....		22.35	22.35
H. R. Pattengill, Supplies.....		30.24	30.24
Baker & Smith, Labor.....		1.50	1.50
F. J. Reed, Supplies.....		54.10	54.10
Dr. W. A. Griffith, Physician.....		45.00	44.00
Dr. F. I. Rupright, Physician.....		120.00	120.00
W. B. Tuttle, Supplies.....		9.15	9.15
D. C. Allen & Co., Supplies.....		42.28	42.28
H. P. Mowry, Physician.....		10.00	10.00
G. E. Kleindinst, Printing etc.....		137.50	137.50
C. H. Newell, Printing etc.....		52.60	52.60
Don Q. Wilbur.....		8.61	8.61
Fred G. Barber, Deputy Marshal.....		1.08	1.08
C. A. Marquette, Police.....		4.00	4.00
M. F. Hiesrodt, Deputy Sheriff.....		416.87	416.87
M. J. Rawson, Burial Soldier.....		40.00	40.00
Dorrance Drug Co., Supplies.....		18.37	18.37
Fred Hackett, Burial Soldier.....		40.00	40.00

Upon motion of Supervisor Johnson, the Board voted that when it did adjourn it would adjourn until 11 o'clock a. m. on Monday, October 19, 1908.

Supervisor McKay, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, here read at length the report of the committee but because of some incomplete returns from several townships, the adoption of the report was deferred.

Supervisor Stevens, Chairman of the Committee on Printing, here presented the following resolution and moved its adoption which motion prevailed.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Resolved, That 1,000 copies of the proceedings of the Board of Supervisors for the years 1908-9 be printed in pamphlet form together with the reports required by law, the work to be done under the supervision of the Committee on Printing, to be completed on or before February 1, 1909, and the party receiving the job required to give the same one insertion on a newspaper published in Branch County having the largest circulation. The County Clerk to distribute such Journals to the several Supervisors in proportion to the population of the townships and wards, and upon the completion of the work the Committee on Printing to draw an order on the County Treasurer for the amount contracted to be paid.

A. G. Stevens,

W. T. Stansell,

J. T. Tompkins.

Supervisor Martin moved to excuse Supervisor Fenner from Monday's and Tuesday's session of the Board, which motion prevailed.

Supervisor Martin moved that the Chair appoint a member of the Board to take the place of Supervisor Fenner on his committees during his absence, which motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed Supervisor Corwin.

Upon motion of Supervisor Martin, the Board adjourned until Monday, October 19, 1908, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Henry E. Straight,  
Clerk.

John L. McMurray,  
Chairman.

**October Session. (6th day) Monday, October 19, 1908.**

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors room in the City of Coldwater, on Monday, the nineteenth day of October, A. D., 1908.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Upon call of the Roll, a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of the last days meeting read and approved.

Upon motion of Supervisor Dickey, Supervisor Luce, on account of sickness, was excused from today's session.

Judge of Probate, Frank B. Reynolds, being present, spoke to the Board on the matter of investigating his office, stating that it would be his pleasure to have the Board make an investigation and desired that it be done during his term of office and that he would aid in the investigation in every way possible.

Supervisor Martin moved that a committee of three be appointed.

Supervisor McKay stated that he was opposed to the motion at this time because it would necessitate the entire Board staying an indefinite time, thereby making quite an expense.

The motion was not put for want of a second.

After much discussion, Supervisor Martin moved to take the matter of investigation from the table where it was placed at last Wednesday's session, which motion prevailed.

Supervisor Martin moved to appoint a committee of three.

Supervisor Bates moved to amend by appointing a committee of five instead of three.

Neither motion received a support.

Supervisor Fenner moved that the Register of Deeds office be included in the investigation.

The ayes and nays being called for resulted as follows:

Ayes—Supervisors Fox, Fenner, Hoopingarner, White, McMurray, Martin, Dickey, Stevens, Bidelman, Stansell, Tompkins, Judd, Steffey, Bates, Rathburn, 16.

Nays—Supervisors Gray, McKay, Johnson, 3.



Supervisor Bates moved that the investigation extend only to the Judge of Probate and Register of Deeds. The motion was lost.

The original resolution of Mr. Dickey was lost by the unanimous vote of the Board.

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, the Board adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman.

Supervisor Gray moved that a committee of three be appointed to make an investigation of the office of Judge of Probate but that such investigation should only extend to definite charges that should be made against conduct in the office. Said motion was lost for want of a second.

Supervisor Dickey here presented the following resolution which was supported by Supervisor Stansell:

Resolved, That the Chairman appoint a committee of three to investigate the fees charged and collected by the Probate Court, the Register of Deeds, the County Treasurer and County Clerk and ascertain whether such fees are lawful or unlawful and that said committee have authority to employ Counsel if in their judgment they deem it necessary and that they report their findings to this Board as soon as possible.

Supervisor McKay moved that the above resolution be laid upon the table until the January session of this Board.

The ayes and nays being called for resulted as follows:

Ayes—Supervisors Fenner, Hoopingarner, White, Stevens Bidelman, Corwin, Judd, Steffey, McKay, Rathburn, Johnson, 11.

Nays—Supervisors Gray, Fox, McMurray, Martin, Dickey, Stansell, Tompkins, Bates, 8.

Supervisor Martin introduced the following resolution, which was supported by Supervisor McKay:

Whereas, James R. Dickey, one of the members of the Board of Supervisors, is being prosecuted for accepting compensation for services rendered the county while the Board of Supervisors was not in session and,



Whereas, The said Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to pay said James R. Dickey for such services the sum of one hundred dollars, therefore be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch as a Board, do hereby exonerate the said James R. Dickey from any wrong intent in accepting the aforesaid compensation.

The ayes and nays being called for resulted in the unanimous vote of the Board for its adoption.

Supervisor McKay, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, here submitted the following report:  
To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Branch County:

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Ways and Means would respectfully submit the following estimates necessary to be raised for county purposes and recommend its adoption:

For Supervisors Orders.....	\$12,000.00
For Superintendents of the Poor.....	11,000.00
For Jurors Orders.....	1,500.00
For Witness Orders.....	500.00
For Insane Asylum.....	2,000.00
For Soldiers Relief.....	800.00
For Salary Probate Judge.....	1,400.00
For Salary Probate Register.....	350.00
For Salary County Clerk.....	700.00
For Salary County Treasurer.....	1,000.00
For Salary Prosecuting Attorney.....	1,000.00
For Salary Prosecuting Attorney Stenographer.....	150.00
For Salary School Commissioner.....	1,500.00
For Salary School Examiners.....	200.00
For County Normal.....	150.00
For Janitor of Building.....	550.00

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Total estimate of County Tax.....	\$34,800.00
State Tax for the year 1908.....	50,782.47

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Total State and County Tax for the year 1908.....\$85,582.47

Your committee having estimated the amount of tax necessary to be raised for county purposes would further state that they have apportioned the same among the several townships and city and examined all certificates, statements and papers submitted to them, showing amounts of money to be raised by tax in the sev-

eral townships and city, and recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of Algansee.

For State Tax.....	\$2,186.60
For County Tax.....	1,498.43
For Township Tax.....	750.00
For Road Repair Tax.....	1,069.41
For Highway Improvement Tax.....	1,426.90
For Drain Tax at Large—Merritt Drain.....	31.08
For Drain Tax at Large—Lamb Drain.....	208.96
For Drain Tax—particular description.....	608.75

For school tax voted as follows:

School District No. 1.....	200.00
School District No. 3 fr. A & A C.....	
School District No. 3 fr. C & A.....	
School District No. 4 fr. R & A.....	
School District No. 5.....	
School District No. 6.....	50.00
School District No. 7.....	
School District No. 8.....	150.00
School District No. 10 A & Q.....	
School District No. 11.....	59.84
School District No. 12.....	80.00
School District No. 13 A & Q.....	37.05
School District No. 14 A & Q.....	

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the Township of Batavia:

For State Tax.....	\$2,197.32
For County Tax.....	1,507.77
For Township Tax.....	500.00
For Road Repair Tax.....	1,000.00
For Highway Improvement Tax.....	500.00
For Drain Tax at Large.....	37.94
For Drain Tax assessed upon particular descriptions...	151.72

(As more fully appears by reference to Townships.)

## CLERK'S STATEMENT TO SUPERVISOR.

School tax voted as follows:

School District No. 2 fr. B & C.....	
School District No. 1 fr. B. & M.....	5.10
School District No. 3.....	105.00
School District No. 4 fr. B. & M.....	46.36
School District No. 5.....	100.00
School District No. 6 fr. B. & B.....	94.47
School District No. 7 fr. B. & U.....	48.64
School District No. 8.....	150.00
School District No. 9.....	
School District No. 10 fr. B. C. & U.....	8.05
School District No. 14 fr. B. & U.....	66.84
School District No. 3 fr. B. & U.....	
School District No. 1 fr. B. & C.....	43.57
School District No. 3 fr. B. & B.....	84.57

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of Bethel:

For State Tax.....	\$2,611.61
For County Tax.....	1,789.67
For Township Tax.....	1,000.00
For Road Repair Tax.....	1,278.89
For Highway Improvement Tax.....	1,534.66

For school tax voted as follows:

School District No. 6 fr. B. & B.....	80.53
School District No. 3 fr. O. & B.....	55.29
School District No. 2 fr. G. & B.....	34.93
School District No. 1 fr. G. & B.....	29.50
School District No. 1 fr. B. & B.....	686.62
School District No. 3.....	615.43
School District No. 4.....	
School District No. 5 fr. B. & O.....	
School District No. 6 fr. B. & O.....	113.10
School District No. 7.....	125.00
School District No. 8.....	25.00

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of Bronson:

For State Tax.....	\$3,572.03
For County Tax.....	2,447.81

For Township Tax.....	1,200.00
For Road Repair Tax.....	1,600.00
For Highway Improvement Tax.....	2,000.00
For Library Tax.....	300.00
For Bounty Tax.....	478.00
For Memorial Day.....	30.00
For Drain Tax at Large.....	560.74
For Drain Tax—particular description.....	1,950.46

For school tax voted as follows:

School District No. 4 fr. B. & B.....	
School District No. 1 fr. B. & B.....	1,913.38
School District No. 2.....	
School District No. 5 fr. B. & N.....	84.10
School District No. 7 fr. B. M. & B. Oak.....	
School District No. 6.....	75.00
School District No. 8.....	
School District No. 5 fr. B. Oak & Bro.....	6.82
School District No. 3 fr. M. & B.....	30.90
School District No. 4.....	61.00
School District No. 9.....	

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the Township of Butler:

For State Tax.....	\$2,166.61
For County Tax.....	1,484.73
For Township Tax.....	1,000.00
For Road Repair Tax.....	1,085.00
For Highway Improvement Tax.....	3,900.00
For Drain Tax at Large.....	631.10
For Drain Tax—particular description.....	2,524.41

For school tax voted as follows:

School District No. 1.....	123.53
School District No. 2.....	107.44
School District No. 3.....	129.58
School District No. 4.....	50.00
School District No. 5.....	102.13
School District No. 6.....	75.00
School District No. 7.....	117.86
School District No. 9 fr. C. Q. & B.....	7.17
School District No. 7 fr. G. & B.....	20.94
School District No. 6 fr. Clar. & B.....	3.72

School District No. 6 fr. Q. & B.....	12.30
School District No. 5 fr. L. B. Q. & A.....	
School District No. 10 fr. H. L. C. & B.....	20.38

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the Township of California:

For State Tax.....	\$1,325.82
For County Tax.....	908.54
For Township Tax.....	740.00
For Road Repair Tax.....	1,030.00
For Highway Improvement Tax.....	515.00

For school tax voted as follows:

School District No. 1.....	310.00
School District No. 2 fr.....	
School District No. 3 fr.....	
School District No. 5 fr.....	127.80
School District No. 6.....	125.00
School District No. 7.....	50.00
School District No. 8.....	75.00
School District No. 4.....	

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of Coldwater:

For State Tax.....	\$3,193.91
For County Tax.....	2,188.72
For Township Tax.....	1,500.00
For Road Repair Tax.....	2,500.00
For Highway Improvement Tax.....	2,200.00
For Drain Tax at Large.....	620.77
For Drain Tax—particular description.....	909.95
For Thistle Tax.....	1.50

Re-assessed seven acres in N. W. cor. of S $\frac{1}{2}$ of N. E. $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 5 Town 6 Range 6, acres 7; State 84 County 66 Town 63 Highway 50 School 85.....	3.48
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For school tax voted as follows:

For School District No. 1 fr. C. & B.....	\$ 56.49
For School District No. 16 fr. C. & Gir.....	40.90
For School District No. 3 fr. C. & O.....	35.92
For School District No. 8 fr. C. & O.....	44.29
For School District No. 9 fr. C. & G.....	70.05
For School District No. 10 fr. C. B. U. & G.....	4.57



For School District No. 9 fr. C. B. & Q.....	18.36
For School District No. 12.....	175.00
For School District No. 14.....	105.00
For School District No. 15.....	100.00

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the City of Coldwater:

For State Tax.....	\$10,745.81
For County Tax.....	7,363.86

For school tax voted as follows:

By Board of Education.....	15,000.00
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That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the Township of Gilead:

For State Tax.....	\$1,444.65
For County Tax.....	989.95
For Township Tax.....	500.00
For Road Repair Tax.....	826.26
For Highway Bridge Tax.....	574.00
For Cemetery Tax.....	40.00
For Drain Tax particular descriptions.....	1,812.83
For Drain Tax at Large.....	585.12
For fence viewers tax against Samuel Ruff S. part E. $\frac{1}{2}$ . NW. $\frac{1}{4}$ .....	12.46
For School District No. 1 fr.....	45.50
For School District No. 2 fr.....	115.07
For School District No. 4.....	150.00
For School District No. 5.....	100.00
For School District No. 6 fr.....	48.85

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the Township of Girard:

For State Tax.....	\$2,375.71
For County Tax.....	1,628.01
For Township Tax.....	1,200.00
For Road Repair Tax.....	2,400.00
For Highway Improvement Tax.....	10.00
For Memorial Day.....	10.00
For Cemetery Fund.....	50.00
For Bounty .....	75.00

For school tax voted as follows:

School District No. 1.....	300.00
School District No. 2.....	
School District No. 3.....	
School District No. 4 G. & U.....	100.00
School District No. 5.....	75.00
School District No. 7 G. & U.....	100.00
School District No. 7 fr. G. & B.....	75.00
School District No. 8.....	100.00
School District No. fr. 9 C. & G.....	
School District No. 10 fr. C. B. U. & G.....	
School District No. 16 fr. G. & C.....	
School District No. 7 & fr. G. B. U. & T.....	65.00

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the Township of Kinderhook:

For State Tax.....	\$1,183.88
For County Tax.....	811.28
For Township Tax.....	500.00
For Road Repair Tax.....	889.66
For Highway Improvement Tax.....	222.42
For Cemetery Tax.....	75.00
For Bounty Tax.....	40.00
For Hall Rent.....	25.00
For Drain Tax at Large.....	707.24
For Drain Tax, particular descriptions.....	2,460.21

For school tax voted as follows:

For School District No. 2.....	
For School District No. 3.....	
For School District No. 4.....	100.00
For School District No. 5 K. & C.....	42.26
For School District No. 7 fr. O. & K.....	21.25
For School District No. 1.....	

That there be levied upon the taxable property of the Township of Matteson:

For State Tax.....	\$ 2,161.88
For County Tax.....	1,481.49
For Township Tax.....	600.00
For Road Repair Tax.....	900.00
For Highway Improvement Tax.....	700.00
For Bounty Tax.....	135.50
For Cemetery Tax.....	36.97

For school tax voted as follows:

School District No. 4 fr. B. & M.....	
School District No. 5 fr. C. & M.....	
School District No. 3 fr. B. & M.....	19.10
School District No. 4 B. & M.....	3.64
School District No. 4.....	165.00
School District No. 5.....	125.00
School District No. 7.....	200.00
School District No. 9.....	50.00
School District No. 3 fr. S. & M.....	37.78
School District No. 7 fr.....	
School District No. 1 fr.....	69.90
School District No. 8 fr. S. & M.....	22.06

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the Township of Noble:

For State Tax.....	\$1,054.54
For County Tax.....	722.65
For Township Tax.....	500.00
For Road Repair Tax.....	620.00
For Bounty Tax.....	90.00

For school tax voted as follows:

School District No. 1 fr. N. & B.....	40.90
School District No. 3.....	
School District No. 4.....	145.00
School District No. 5.....	60.00
School District No. 6 fr. N. & G.....	51.15

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of Ovid:

For State Tax.....	\$2,066.68
For County Tax.....	1,416.28
For Township Tax.....	700.00
For Road Repair Tax.....	1,000.00
For Highway Improvement Tax.....	1,200.00
For Bounty Tax.....	147.10

For school tax voted as follows:

School District No. 1.....	90.00
School District No. 2.....	200.00
School District No. 3 O. & B.....	144.71
School District No. 4.....	150.00

School District No. 5.....	150.00
School District No. 6.....	15.00
School District No. 7 fr. O. & K.....	28.75
School District No. 2 fr. A. C. & O.....	
School District No. 3 fr. C. & O.....	14.08
School District No. 8 fr. C. & O.....	5.71
School District No. 5 fr. B. & O.....	
School District No. 6 fr. B. & O.....	11.90
School District No. 8.....	400.00
School District No. 9.....	100.00

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the township of Quincy:

For State Tax.....	\$5,153.93
For County Tax.....	3,531.87
For Township Tax.....	1,000.00
For Road Repair Tax.....	2,250.00
For Highway Improvement Tax.....	1,500.00
For Cemetery Tax.....	800.00
For Memorial Day.....	50.00
For Library Tax.....	2,038.00
To be re-assessed S ½ of lot 166 N Div. Sec. 16 State Tax and Interest 1.03 County Tax 81 Town 50 Highway 24 School 1.52.....	4.10

For school tax voted as follows:

School District No. 1.....	133.82
School District No. 2.....	3,708.42
School District No. 3.....	98.02
School District No. 4.....	139.67
School District No. 5 fr.....	100.85
School District No. 6 fr.....	95.50
School District No. 7.....	115.20
School District No. 8 fr.....	101.00
School District No. 9 fr.....	108.34
School District No. 10 fr.....	70.42
School District No. 13 fr.....	9.45

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the Township of Sherwood:

For State Tax.....	\$2,332.50
For County Tax.....	1,598.40
For Township Tax.....	1,000.00

For Road Repair Tax.....	1,058.31
For Highway Improvement Tax.....	858.30
For Bounty Tax.....	200.00
For Cemetery Tax.....	100.00
Re-assessed E part of N part frac. of N E $\frac{1}{4}$ State 3.23 County 2.53 Town 2.43 School 4.41.....	12.60

For school tax voted as follows:

School District No. 1.....	100.00
School District No. 2.....	
School District No. 3 fr.....	962.22
School District No. 4.....	
School District No. 6 fr.....	113.84
School District No. 7.....	200.00
School District No. 11 fr.....	51.67
School District No. 5.....	75.00
School District No. 8 fr.....	77.92

That there be levied and assessed upon the taxable property of the Township of Union:

For State Tax.....	\$5,009.04
For County Tax.....	3,432.58
For Township Tax.....	1,950.00
For Road Repair Tax.....	1,500.00
For Highway Improvement Tax.....	4,500.00
For Drain Tax at Large—Drain No. 3.....	80.82
For Drain Tax at Large—Ford Drain.....	211.40
For particular description Drain No. 3.....	294.41
For particular description Ford Drain.....	634.19
For Library Tax.....	150.00
For Bounty on Woodchucks.....	50.00
For Bounty on Ground Moles.....	50.00

For school tax voted as follows:

School District No. 1.....	145.00
School District No. 2.....	4,000.00
School District No. 3 fr.....	
School District No. 6.....	100.00
School District No. 7 fr.....	48.66
School District No. 5.....	100.00
School District No. 4 fr.....	20.75
School District No. 8.....	200.00
School District No. 9 fr.....	205.18



School District No. 10 fr.....	18.72
School District No. 12 fr.....	41.33
School District No. 13 fr.....	
School District No. 14 fr.....	133.16
School District No. 15 fr.....	
School District No. 16 fr.....	1.36
School District No. 11 fr.....	98.33

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. McKay,  
Emery G. Luce,  
Edwin R. Bates,  
J. T. Tompkins.

Upon call of the ayes and nays the above report was accepted and adopted by a unanimous vote of the Board.

Mr. Swain, County Commissioner of Schools, here informed the Board that he and the County Normal Training Class were ready to serve the Board with ice cream, fried cakes and coffee.

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, the Board adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Henry E. Straight,  
Clerk.

John L. McMurray,  
Chairman.

### October Session. (7th day) Tuesday, October 20, 1908.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors room in the City of Coldwater, on Tuesday, the twentieth day of October, A. D., 1908.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Upon call of the Roll, a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of the last days meeting read and approved.

On motion of Supervisor Dickey, Supervisor Bates was excused from today's session on account of sickness in the family.

On motion of Supervisor Johnson, Supervisor Luce was excused from today's session on account of sickness.

A communication from the Detroit House of Correction was here read by the Clerk and upon motion of Supervisor Dickey, the

Chairman and Clerk of the Board were instructed to sign the contract with the Detroit House of Correction for the care etc. of prisoners sent to that institution from Branch County.

The accounts of Clarence Foust and two others were received and referred to the Committee on Sheriffs and Constables Accounts.

The account of J. W. French was received and referred to the Committee on Justices Accounts.

The accounts of C. B. Pennock and one other were received and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

The account of G. E. Kleindinst was received and referred to the Committee on Printing.

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, the Board took a recess of five minutes.

Board re-convened.

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, the account of Fox & Tyler was laid upon the table until the January session.

Upon motion, the account of Dr. Hancock, of Girard, was referred to Supervisor Tompkins for correction.

Upon motion of Supervisor Rathburn, Chairman of the Committee on Sheriffs and Constables Accounts, the account of L. J. Gripman was laid upon the table until the January session.

The following accounts were referred back to the Board and upon recommendation of the proper committees, were audited and allowed as follows:

Name	Service	• Claimed	Allowed
Ohio Paint & Varnish Co., Supplies.....		\$ 7.50	\$ 7.50
Drs. Baldwin, Stewart and Holbrook, Physicians.		20.00,	20.00
Louis Lopez, Interpreter.....		7.00	7.00
D. H. Wood, M. D., Physician.....		2.00	2.00
C. J. Harris & Co., Burial Soldier.....		31.00	31.00
Van Aken Bros., Livery.....		9.00	9.00
C. J. Harris & Co., Burial Soldier.....		25.00	25.00
Van Aken Bros., Livery.....		15.00	15.00
C. J. Harris & Co., Burial Soldier.....		40.00	40.00
Van Aken Bros., Livery.....		15.00	15.00

C. J. Harris & Co., Burial Soldier.....	25.00	25.00
C. J. Harris & Co., Burial Soldier.....	25.00	25.00
Van Aken Bros., Livery.....	15.00	15.00
Henry C. Loveridge, Assisting Pros. Attorney....	75.00	75.00
W. Glenn Cowell, Prosecuting Atorney.....	61.03	61.03
Henry E. Straight, Postage, etc.....	45.82	45.82
James Swain, Supplies.....	4.05	4.50
E. R. Clarke & Co., Supplies.....	22.84	22.84
Bert L. Zuver, Coroner.....	26.72	26.72
Ball & Son, Supplies.....	6.75	6.75
Orrin F. Thornton, Drain Commissioner.....	78.75	78.75
L. A. Warsabo, M. D., Physician.....	3.00	3.00
Frank B. Reynolds, Postage.....	18.75	18.75
Chas. F. Carpenter, Postage, etc.....	17.90	17.90
Chas. F. Carpenter, Postage, etc.....	17.50	17.50
W. C. Bailey, Supplies.....	45.50	45.50
Chas. R. Thompson, Agt. Burial Soldier.....	2.00	2.00
E. J. Brown, Agt. Burial Soldier.....	2.00	2.00
D. W. Dodge, Superintendent Poor.....	105.25	105.25
Joseph A. Fetterly, Agt. Burial Soldier.....	8.00	8.00
O. W. Draper, Agt. Burial Soldier.....	6.00	6.00
Wells Knapp, Soldiers Relief Com.....	10.65	9.30
Geo. W. Whitehead, Sec. Soldiers Relief Com,....	17.70	17.70
Henry Seymour, Soldiers Relief Com.....	15.90	9.90
C. B. Pennock, Supplies.....	.60	.60
J. W. French, Justice.....	4.30	4.30
G. E. Kleindinst, Printing.....	4.50	4.50
Henry Runyan, Burial Soldier.....	40.00	40.00
M. J. Rawson, Burial Soldier.....	40.00	40.00
F. M. Rustine, Order Sheriff.....	1.00	1.00
J. F. Alger, Constable.....	1.94	1.94
J. F. Brace, Supplies.....	3.22	3.22
Miller Drug & Grocery Co., Supplies.....	10.59	10.59
Wise Dept. Store, Supplies.....	1.25	1.25
Legg Lumber Co., Lumber, etc.....	8.94	8.94
John D. Parks, Deputy Sheriff.....	153.55	153.55
Chas. F. Howe, Annotating.....	17.00	17.00

S. Schultz, M. D., Physician.....	6.00	6.00
W.C. Bailey, Supplies.....	3.50	3.50
Carrie E. Eggleston, Supplies.....	4.50	4.50
Clarence Foust, Constable.....	3.00	3.00
Alphonso Tyler, Under Sheriff.....	365.75	365.75
F. T. Hackett, Burial Soldier.....	40.00	40.00
Gregory Mayer & Thom Co., Supplies.....	156.70	156.70
Geo. W. Neutz, Burial Soldier.....	40.00	40.00
E. F. Shoecraft, Livery.....	5.00	5.00
Van Aken Bros., Livery.....	8.00	6.00
Dr. E. Blackman, Superintendent Poor.....	103.00	103.00
L. J. Gripman, Marshal.....	53.19	car'd ov'r
Fox & Tyler, Supplies.....	11.75	car'd ov'r

The County Drain Commissioner, O. F. Thornton, here submitted the following report, which upon motion of Supervisor Dickey, supported by Supervisor Stansell, was accepted, adopted and ordered placed upon the record:

### DRAIN COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch:

Gentlemen:

In compliance with the provisions of Section 7 Chapter 1, Act No. 254 of the Public Acts of 1897 as amended, I have the honor to submit herewith my Annual Report as County Drain Commissioner of the said County of Branch covering the period from October 1, 1907, to October 1, 1908, and have attached hereto a Financial Statement of the various Drains upon which work has been done during the last year.

Applications have been filed for the cleaning out, Deepening, Widening, Straightening and Extending of Quincy No. 2 Drain and branch No. 20. Also the south branch which is unnumbered, all in the township of Quincy, for the cleaning out of Craft and Sparks, Tayor and Weatherwax and Town Line Drain, located in the Townships of Butler and Quincy, for the cleaning out of Merritt Drain in the township of Algansee, for the Deepening, Widening and Extending of Keyser Drain in the township of Algansee, for the cleaning out and deepening of Sheaffer Drain in the township of Kinderhook, for the establishing

of Doerr Drain in the township of Kinderhook, for the establishing of No. 53 Drain in the township of Kinderhook, for the establishing of Drain No. 52 in the township of Ovid, for the improving Deepening, Widening, Straightening and Extending of a natural water course known as an extension of Williams 28 Drain, in the township of Coldwater, for the cleaning out of Gilead No. 3 Drain in the township of Gilead, for the establishing of Drain No. 54 in the township of Gilead, for the cleaning out of Ford Drain in the township of Union, for the establishing of Sackett Drain in the township of Bronson, for the establishing of Monroe Drain in the township of Bronson and for the cleaning out of Co. No. 33 in the township of Coldwater. All of which have been surveyed and are under different courses of construction.

An application has been filed for the establishing of a drain commencing on lands of A. W. Merritt on Sec. 31 and terminating in Talhassee Creek on Sec. 32 in the township of Algansee, upon which no action has been taken.

The following Financial Statements show the assessments, disbursements and balances in the funds of the various drains operated during the year:

**Stowe Creek**

Oct. 1, 1905	By Balance.....	\$ 5.68
	To Hoza Harris.....	\$ 15.00

Oct. 1, 1908	Overdrawn.....	\$ 9.32
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**Strong Drain**

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance.....	\$ 25.09
	To Lena Weage.....	\$ 3.80
	To O. F. Thornton.....	5.00 8.30

Oct. 1, 1908	By Balance.....	\$ 16.29
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**Quincy No. (9)**

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance.....	\$ 188.58
	To D. E. Weage.....	\$ 9.00
	To J. E. Dickey.....	60.00
	To D. E. Weage.....	23.00
	To D. E. Weage.....	4.50
	To Wm. Hutchinson.....	10.00
	To J. E. Dickey.....	25.00
	To J. E. Dickey.....	28.68
	To O. F. Thornton.....	4.50 164.68

Oct. 1, 1908	By Balance.....	\$ 23.90
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### Messenger and Bush

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance.....	\$ 212.07
	To Wm. Stratton.....	\$103.64
	To Wm. Stratton.....	3.00
	To Geo. Stouder.....	55.00
	To D. E. Weage.....	50.43
		<hr/> 212.07
Oct. 1, 1908	By Balance.....	.00

### Lucas and Burch

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance.....	\$ 641.37
	To Wm. Dean.....	\$ 60.00
	To Wm. Dean.....	60.00
	To John Kueza.....	48.00
	To Chris Taylor.....	104.00
	To M. T. Lucas.....	55.20
	To M. L. Evans.....	2.00
	To D. E. Weage.....	53.50
	To John Kueza.....	50.40
	To R. McDonald.....	104.72
	To Fay D. White.....	9.00
	To Jos. E. Hicks.....	50.00
	To O. F. Thornton.....	5.00
	To Joseph E. Hicks.....	30.00
	To John J. Cox.....	9.00
		<hr/> 640.82
Oct. 1, 1908	By Balance.....	.55

### Williams No. 28

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance.....	\$ 95.30
	To H. C. Swonk.....	\$ 90.00
	To D. E. Weage.....	4.90
		<hr/> 94.90
Oct. 1, 1908	By Balance.....	.40

### County No. 22

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance.....	\$ 129.65
	To F. B. Reynolds.....	\$ 7.60
	To D. E. Weage (No. 672).....	\$ 18.00
	To Lena Weage.....	2.40
	To O. F. Thornton.....	4.50
	To Hoza Harris.....	80.00
		<hr/> 112.50
Oct. 1, 1908	By Balance.....	Overdrawn \$ 17.15

**Batavia No. 10**

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance.....		\$ 985.68
	To H. E. Bronson.....	\$100.00	
	To D. C. Card.....	2.70	
	To A. F. Haywood.....	88.00	
	To A. F. Haywood.....	88.00	
	To Lena Weage.....	21.30	
	To Chas. Smith.....	125.21	
	To Chas. Smith.....	102.79	
	To Lynn Burch.....	8.00	
	To A. F. Haywood.....	79.45	
	To A. F. Haywood.....	70.55	
	To Edd Bronson.....	63.00	
	To D. E. Weage.....	39.50	
	To A. F. Haywood.....	136.40	
	To O. F. Thornton.....	15.00	
	To John J. Cox.....	6.50	
	To Edd Bronson.....	18.00	
	To John J. Cox.....	19.50	983.90

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Oct. 1, 1908	By Balance.....	\$ 1.78
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**Bethel No. 15**

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance.....		\$ 334.50
	To Horace Kitchel.....	\$ 14.65	
	To George Smoker.....	18.24	
	To L. Baker.....	21.60	
	To John Klovinski.....	24.00	
	To Frank Yesh.....	24.00	
	To Frank Yesh.....	70.40	
	To Winfield Honeywell.....	83.75	
	To Winfield Honeywell.....	10.00	
	To D. E. Weage.....	44.40	
	To Frank Honeywell.....	3.00	
	To Lena Weage.....	4.50	
	To D. E. Weage.....	6.00	324.54

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Oct. 1, 1908	By Balance.....	\$ 9.96
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### Holmes and Evans

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance.....		\$1908.89
	To Thos. Beckwith.....	\$ 10.00	
	To Edgar Rolf.....	6.00	
	To Wm. G. Rolf.....	143.44	
	To Wm. G. Rolf.....	100.00	
	To John Kueza.....	72.00	
	To John Kueza.....	128.00	
	To M. L. Evans.....	10.00	
	To M. L. Evans.....	173.37	
	To M. L. Evans.....	173.38	
	To M. L. Evans.....	10.00	
	To John Kueza.....	36.00	
	To John Kueza.....	60.00	
	To Thos. Beckwith.....	25.00	
	To Thos. Beckwith.....	50.00	
	To Peter Holmes.....	136.00	
	To Peter Holmes.....	4.00	
	To Frank B. Reynolds.....	36.60	
	To H. G. McIntosh.....	195.00	
	To M. L. Evans.....	20.00	
	To Henry Morrison.....	8.00	
	To Andy Patterson.....	142.00	
	To M. L. Evans.....	32.00	
	To Thos. Beckwith.....	35.00	
	To Frank Bidleman.....	5.00	
	To Wm. Stratton.....	141.00	
	To D. E. Weage.....	131.12	
	To D. E. Weage.....	1.40	1884.31
Oct. 1, 1908	By Balance.....		\$ 24.58

### Blackwell Drain

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance.....		\$1034.51
	To John Franciscoc.....	\$100.00	
	To John Francisco.....	88.40	
	To John Francisco.....	6.00	
	To Frank Bidleman.....	5.00	
	To Martin Jackowick.....	158.40	
	To Martin Jackowick.....	50.00	
	To John J. Cox.....	12.00	
	To Eber Franciscoc.....	50.00	
	To John Franciscoc.....	60.00	

To Eber Franciscoc.....	20.00	
To D. E. Weage.....	11.00	
To Eber Franciscoc.....	40.00	
To O. F. Thornton.....	10.00	
To Mike Franciscoc.....	7.00	
To Eber Franciscoc.....	10.00	
To John Franciscoc.....	10.00	
To O. F. Thornton.....	15.00	
To Bert Frye.....	12.00	
To O. F. Thornton.....	5.00	
To O. F. Thornton.....	5.00	
To John J. Cox.....	16.00	
To John Francisco.....	30.00	
To R. J. Smith.....	16.00	
To Mike Franciscoc.....	70.00	
To Leo F. Smith.....	22.50	
To Malen Leatherbury.....	8.00	837.30

Oct. 1, 1908	By Balance.....	\$ 197.21
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### McCarty Drain

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance.....	\$ 750.27
	To Frank Conn.....	\$ 50.00
	To Frank Conn.....	150.00
	To Horace Kitchel.....	6.25
	To F. B. McCarty.....	3.75
	To Frank Conn.....	60.00
	To D. E. Weage.....	3.90
	To Calvin Beers.....	15.00
	To O. F. Thornton.....	5.00
	To O. F. Thornton.....	10.00
	To Frank Conn.....	75.00
	To Frank Conn.....	100.00
	To John J. Cox.....	7.00
	To O. F. Thornton.....	5.50
	To John J. Cox.....	15.00
		506.40

Oct. 1, 1908	By Balance.....	\$ 243.87
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### Batavia No. 1

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance.....	\$ 501.60
	To Peter Watson.....	\$ 57.50
	To Peter Watson.....	22.50

To Chas. Hamilton.....	5.50	
To Lynn Burch.....	6.00	
To D. E. Weage.....	37.90	
To F. G. Morrison.....	72.00	
To O. F. Thornton.....	5.00	
To Allen Watson.....	10.00	
To Allen Watson.....	15.00	
To O. F. Thornton.....	4.50	
To Allen Watson.....	15.00	
To Allen Watson.....	15.00	
To Lynn Burch.....	50.00	
To Allen Watson.....	20.00	
To Allen Watson.....	13.00	348.90

Oct. 1, 1908	By Balance.....	\$ 152.70
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**Bethel No. 28**

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance.....	\$1311.01
	To Edd Elliott.....	\$150.00
	To D. C. Card.....	2.00
	To Chris Peterson.....	100.00
	To Wm. Robbins.....	5.00
	To Sam Mussleman.....	176.00
	To Horace Kitchel.....	12.50
	To Frank Bidleman.....	7.50
	To Chas. Austin.....	4.00
	To Chris Peterson.....	10.00
	To Fred Olmstead.....	3.00
	To Alonzo Olmstead.....	4.00
	To D. A. Buck.....	5.00
	To N. W. Crow.....	176.00
	To Wells Hillyer.....	4.00
	To H. C. Swonk.....	6.50
	To Chris Peterson.....	15.00
	To Edd Elliott.....	87.60
	To Edd Elliott.....	110.00
	To D. E. Weage.....	38.10
	To Wm. Robbins.....	2.00
	To Chris Peterson.....	25.00
	To O. F. Thornton.....	5.00
	To Edd Elliott.....	50.00
	To O. F. Thornton.....	10.00
	To E. Shoecraft.....	2.50



To Chris Peterson.....	10.00	
To John J. Cox.....	5.00	
To Chris Peterson.....	10.00	
To O. F. Thornton.....	10.00	
To Chris Peterson.....	10.00	
To O. F. Thornton.....	6.50	
To John J. Cox.....	18.50	
To Chris Peterson.....	8.00	
To Chris Peterson.....	10.00	
To Chris Peterson.....	90.00	
To Edd Elliott.....	112.00	
To John J. Cox.....	10.00	1310.70

Oct. 1, 1908	By Balance.....	.31
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**Batavia No. 16**

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance.....	\$ 666.29
	To D. E. Weage.....	\$ 28.50
	To John Cummings.....	6.00
	To O. F. Thornton.....	5.00
	To O. F. Thornton.....	5.00
	To George Tuttle.....	3.00
	To John Cox.....	12.50
		60.00

Oct. 1, 1908	By Balance.....	\$ 606.29
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**Hendricks Drain**

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance.....	\$ 417.98
	To August Smith.....	\$ 44.20
	To August Smith.....	44.20
	To G. F. Marshall.....	20.40
	To G. F. Marshall.....	20.40
	To August Kulow.....	10.00
	To C. F. Harris.....	2.25
	To A. Dollerhite.....	1.00
	To C. B. Hontz.....	1.00
	To James Rigelman.....	16.00
	To Jay Marshall.....	79.60
	To D. C. Card.....	2.00
	To Frank Gorton.....	48.00
	To G. F. Marshall.....	40.80
	A. W. Kulow.....	45.60
	To C. H. Newell.....	6.50
	To D. E. Weage.....	17.50

To D. E. Weage.....	26.50	
To John Cox.....	4.50	
To L. F. Berry.....	20.00	
To O. F. Thornton.....	5.50	455.94
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Oct. 1, 1908      By Balance.....Overdrawn      \$    37.97

**County No. 51**

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance.....	\$1648.73
	To D. C. Card.....	\$    2.00
	To A. D. Southworth, Jr.....	130.00
	To George Waterbury.....	130.00
	To A. D. Southworth, Jr.....	4.40
	To George Waterbury.....	5.00
	To Horace Kitchel.....	30.65
	To G. W. Cox.....	5.00
	To H. C. Swonk.....	6.50
	To D. E. Weage.....	94.00
	To Emmet Burlew.....	155.25
	To Emmet Burlew.....	103.95
	To T. J. Burlew.....	5.10
	To J. M. Goodwin.....	300.00
	To George Waterbury.....	63.60
	To George Waterbury.....	100.00
	To George Waterbury.....	25.00
	To George Waterbury.....	55.00
	To George Waterbury.....	49.00
	To A. D. Southworth.....	171.00
	To Ezra Shoecraft.....	5.00
	To Mable Fonda.....	6.00
	To John J. Cox.....	6.50
	To Emmet Burlew.....	9.00
	To O. F. Thornton.....	12.50
	To O. F. Thornton.....	5.00
	To John J. Cox.....	17.50
	To Lon Waterbury.....	100.00
	To George Waterbury.....	50.40
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		1647.35

Oct. 1, 1908      By Balance.....      \$    1.38

**Buel Drain No. 10**

Oct. 1, 1907....	By Balance.....	\$    84.56
	To H. C. Swonk.....	26.50
	To D. E. Weage.....	20.30
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		46.80

Oct. 1, 1908	By Balance.....	\$ 37.76
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**Bethel No. 12 and 35**

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance.....	\$ 709.49
	To L. C. Quear.....	\$100.00
	To F. E. Bidleman.....	50.00
	To Fred Parsons.....	29.80
	To Lewis Quear.....	196.00
	To Frank Bidleman.....	2.50
	To F. E. Bidleman.....	58.80
	To Wm. Tozier.....	10.40
	To D. E. Weage.....	69.70
	To E. Shippy.....	75.00
	To E. Shippy.....	3.00
	To Tom Reading.....	28.00
	To O. F. Thornton.....	5.00
		628.20

Oct. 1, 1908	By Balance.....	\$ 81.29
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**Lamb Drain**

Oct. 1, 1907	By Assessment.....	\$ 696.33
	To C. H. Newell.....	\$ 8.05
	To J. R. Dickey.....	4.50
	To Victor Todd.....	10.00
	To A. A. Marsh.....	80.00
	To D. E. Weage.....	20.00
	To J. J. Cox.....	25.00
		147.55

Oct. 1, 1908	By Balance.....	\$ 548.78
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**Forney Drain**

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance.....	\$ 751.00
	To W. D. Warren.....	\$ 66.00
	To W. D. Warren.....	66.00
	To Horace Kitchel.....	18.05
	To J. Weldon Donnel.....	4.00
	To J. Weldon Donnel.....	2.00
	To Mrs. J. W. Donnel.....	2.00
	To J. W. Donnel.....	100.00
	To I. D. Miner.....	20.00
	To D. E. Weage.....	58.80
	To Samuel Knecht.....	2.00
	To O. F. Thornton.....	5.00

To O. F. Thornton.....	5.25	
To Hoza Harris.....	40.00	
To Hoza Harris.....	60.00	
To Hoza Harris.....	50.00	
To O. F. Thornton.....	10.00	
To Hoza Harris.....	130.00	
To Hoza Harris.....	50.00	
To Hoza Harris.....	58.56	747.66

Oct. 1, 1908	By Balance.....	3.34
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### Soap Creek Drain

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance Hillsdale Co.....	\$6843.34
Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance Branch Co.....	1311.60

Oct. 1, 1907	Total Balance.....	\$8154.94
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### Orders drawn on Branch Co.

Oct. 19, 1907	To Frank Brumbaugh.....	\$1000.00
Nov. 6, 1907	To J. R. Dickey.....	20.00
Nov. 6, 1907	To J. R. Dickey.....	25.00
Nov. 19, '07	To G. V. Dexter.....	3.32
Nov. 20, '07	To Van Aken Bros.....	6.00
Nov. 20, '07	To Frank Bidleman.....	10.00
Nov. 20, '07	To O. S. Ely.....	15.00
Dec. 18, '07	To E. D. Dickinson.....	3.00
Dec. 18, '07	To Edd Ely.....	5.00
Dec. 18, '07	To D. E. Weage.....	182.92

Total Amount of Orders drawn on Branch Co....	\$1270.24
Total Amount of Orders drawn on Hillsdale Co....	6587.30

Total Amount of Orders drawn.....	\$7857.54
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Oct. 1, 1908	To Balance Branch Co.....	\$ 41.36
Oct. 1, 1908	To Balance Hillsdale Co.....	256.04

Oct. 1, 1908	Total Balance.....	\$ 297.40
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### Montgomery Drain

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance Branch Co.....	\$ 141.40
Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance Hillsdale Co.....	969.29

Oct. 1, 1907	Total Balance.....	\$1110.69
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### Orders Drawn on Branch Co.

Dec. 28, 1907	To D. E. Weage.....	\$ 28.65
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### Orders Drawn on Hillsdale Co.

Feb. 17, 1908	To Vernon Lorah.....	\$ 10.00
Apr. 14, 1908	To Vernon Lorah.....	40.00
May 9, 1908	To Vernon Lorah.....	25.00
June 27, 1908	To Vernon Lorah.....	40.00
July 22, 1908	To Ward Stewart.....	10.00
July 22, 1908	To Joseph Butler.....	15.00

Total Amount of Orders drawn on Hillsdale Co..	\$ 140.00
Total Amount of Orders drawn on Branch Co....	28.65

Total Amount of Orders drawn.....	\$ 168.65
Oct. 1, 1908	To Balance Branch Co.....\$112.75
Oct. 1, 1908	To Balance Hillsdale Co..... 829.29

Oct. 1, 1908	Total Balance.....	\$ 942.04
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### Ramshorn Joint Drain

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance Calhoun Co.....	\$ 258.69
Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance Branch Co.....	258.69

Oct. 1, 1907	Total Balance.....	\$ 511.38
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### Orders Drawn on Branch Co.

Apr. 11, 1908	To George McDonald.....	\$ 48.00
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Total Amount of Orders drawn.....	\$ 48.00
Oct. 1, 1908	By Balance Calhoun Co.....\$258.69
Oct. 1, 1908	By Balance Branch Co..... 210.69

Oct. 1, 1908	Total Balance.....	\$ 469.38
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### Murray Drain Joint Co.

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance Hillsdale Co.....	\$1661.63
Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance Branch Co.....	905.32

Oct. 1, 1907	Total Balance.....	\$2566.95
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### Orders Drawn on Branch Co.

Nov. 9, 1907	D. C. Card.....	\$ 2.00
Jan. 10, 1908	Farmer Netcher.....	112.00

Sept. 8, 1908	Farmer Netcher.....	107.20	
Total Amount Orders drawn on Branch Co.....			\$ 221.20
Total Amount Orders drawn on Hillsdale.....			295.66
Total Amount of Orders drawn.....			\$ 516.86
Oct. 1, 1908	To Balance Hillsdale Co.....	\$1365.97	
Oct. 1, 1908	To Balance Branch Co.....	684.12	
Oct. 1, 1908	Total Balance.....		\$2050.09

### Moore and Page

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance.....		\$ 498.43
	To Horace Kitchel.....	\$ 7.30	
	To Martin Kowalski.....	50.00	
	To Martin Kowalski.....	12.72	
	To G. S. Warley.....	20.16	
	To G. Demerest.....	73.60	
	To G. S. Warley.....	60.16	
	To G. S. Warley.....	4.00	
	To G. D. Demerest.....	3.00	
	To Chas. Taylor.....	56.00	
	To D. E. Weage.....	40.40	
	To D. E. Weage.....	6.00	
	To J. E. Hicks.....	140.00	
	To Frank Bidleman.....	5.00	
	To J. E. Hicks.....	2.00	480.34
Oct. 1, 1908	To Balance.....		\$ 18.09

### County No. 40

Oct. 1, 1907	By Balance.....		\$1227.13
	To Stanley Weage.....	\$ 3.50	
	To George D. Barrows.....	30.00	
	To George D. Barrows.....	75.00	
	To C. J. Mansfield.....	82.00	
	To G. R. Dickey.....	60.00	
	To George D. Barrows.....	56.80	
	To A. F. Archer.....	200.00	
	To D. E. Weage.....	44.90	
	To W. H. Willis.....	43.00	
	To George D. Barrows.....	16.00	
	To O. F. Thornton.....	4.50	



To George D. Barrows.....	15.00	
To O. F. Thornton.....	4.50	
To G. R. Dickey.....	20.00	
To O. F. Thornton.....	4.50	
To John J. Cox.....	15.00	
To O. F. Thornton.....	5.00	
To G. R. Dickey.....	40.00	719.70

Oct. 1, 1908	To Balance.....	\$ 507.43
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### Monroe Drain

Oct. 1, 1907	By Assessment.....	\$1170.11
	To Frank Kalvinski.....	\$ 25.00
	To Frank Kalvinski.....	10.00
	To Frank B. Reynolds.....	18.95
	To O. F. Thornton.....	56.00
	To John J. Cox.....	20.00
	To Frank Kalvinski.....	30.00
	To Mark Heisrodt.....	5.00
		164.95

Oct. 1, 1908	To Balance.....	\$1005.16
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### County No. 33

Oct. 1, 1907	By Assessment.....	\$1371.35
	To John J. Cox.....	\$ 18.00
	To Alva Myers.....	3.00
	To Edd Bronson.....	150.00
	To O. F. Thornton.....	35.00
	To Edd Bronson.....	200.00
	To Edd Bronson.....	200.00
	To John J. Cox.....	25.00
	To W. E. Hodgman.....	18.00
	To Edd Bronson.....	150.00
	To Edd Bronson.....	130.00
	To Edd Bronson.....	412.50
	To Horace Kitchel.....	7.55
		1349.05

Oct. 1, 1908	To Balance.....	\$ 22.30
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### Gilead No. 3

Oct. 1, 1907	By Assessment.....	\$ 205.18
	To John J. Cox.....	\$ 18.50
	To O. F. Thornton.....	36.10
		61.00

	To Horace Kitchel.....	6.40	161.00
Oct. 1, 1908	By Balance.....		\$ 144.18

**Gilead No. 4**

Oct. 1, 1907	By Assessment.....		\$2192.77
	To John J. Cox.....	\$ 42.70	
	To Horace Kitchel.....	24.35	
	To F. E. Wilkins.....	5.30	
	To O. F. Thornton.....	71.00	
	To D. E. Weage.....	9.00	152.35
Oct. 1, 1908	To Balance.....		\$2040.42

**Ford Drain**

Oct. 1, 1907	By Assessment.....		\$ 845.59
	To John J. Cox.....	\$ 29.70	
	To Horace Kitchel.....	6.50	
	To John J. Cox.....	25.00	
	To O. F. Thornton.....	48.00	109.20
Oct. 1, 1908	To Balance.....		\$ 736.39

**Doerr Drain**

Oct. 1, 1907	By Assessment.....		\$2006.85
	To John J. Cox.....	\$ 60.00	
	To Horace Kitchel.....	10.10	
	To O. F. Thornton.....	62.50	141.60
Oct. 1, 1908	To Balance.....		\$1865.25

**Merritt Drain**

Oct. 1, 1907	By Assessment.....		\$ 155.40
	To John J. Cox.....	\$ 27.50	
	To Horace Kitchel.....	6.50	34.00
Oct 1, 1908	To Balance.....		\$ 121.40

**County No. 50**

Oct. 1, 1907	By Assessment.....		\$3155.51
	To J. C. Ambrose.....	\$ 15.00	
	To F. B. Reynolds.....	33.90	
	To Victor H. Todd.....	69.00	

To Horace Kitchel.....	32.70	
To John Hawk.....	5.00	
To Henry Morrison.....	10.00	
To O. F. Thornton.....	4.50	
To Chas. Austin.....	10.00	
To F. O. Hayden.....	10.00	
To I. D. Miner.....	4.00	
To John Hardenbrook.....	4.50	
To Daniel Card.....	4.50	
To Philo Gary.....	4.50	
To John Hardenbrook.....	.50	
To Daniel Card.....	1.50	
To D. E. Weage.....	112.00	
To W. G. Cowell.....	86.50	
To John Kueza.....	50.00	
To W. E. Hodgman.....	3.00	
To John J. Cox.....	30.00	
To John Kueza.....	200.00	
To John Kueza.....	110.00	
To Wesley Pell.....	100.00	901.10

Oct. 1, 1908	To Balance.....	\$2254.41
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**Sheafer Drain**

Oct. 1, 1907	By Assessment.....	\$1160.61
	To John J. Cox.....	\$ 28.00
	To O. F. Thornton.....	40.15
	To Horace Kitchel.....	10.70
	To John J. Cox.....	40.00
		119.35

Oct. 1, 1908	To Balance.....	\$1041.26
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**County No. 3**

Oct. 1, 1907	By Assessment.....	\$ 758.87
	To John J. Cox.....	\$ 41.00
	To C. H. Newell.....	8.05
	To J. R. Dickey.....	4.50
	To O. W. Hoyt.....	2.75
	To Clark Burch.....	7.00
	To Willis Miller.....	5.00
	To H. C. Swonk.....	100.00
	To D. E. Weage.....	29.50
		197.80

Oct. 1, 1908	To Balance.....	\$ 561.07
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**Earl No. 1**

Oct. 1, 1907	By Assessment.....	\$ 370.97
	To George P. Wells.....	\$ 4.00
	To D. E. Weage.....	30.00
	To Frank Coward.....	34.56
	To Frank Coward.....	29.44
		<hr/> 98.00
Oct. 1, 1908	To Balance.....	\$ 272.97

**Sackett Drain**

Oct. 1, 1907	By Assessment.....	\$ 970.12
	To O. F. Thornton.....	\$ 60.00
	To Michigan Sewer Pipe Co....	125.00
	To J. L. Flickinger.....	50.00
	To John J. Cox.....	25.00
	To J. L. Flickinger.....	13.50
		<hr/> 273.50
Oct. 1, 1908	To Balance.....	\$ 696.62

Dated this the first day of October, 1908.

**O. F. Thornton,**

County Drain Commissioner of the County of Branch.

Upon motion of Supervisor Martin, Supervisor Steffey was excused for the day.

Upon motion of Supervisor Dickey, Supervisor Hoopingarner was excused for the day.

Upon motion of Supervisor Martin, the Board adjourned until one o'clock p. m.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**

Meeting called to order by the Chairman.

The following resolution was presented by Supervisor McKay and unanimously adopted by the Board:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be tendered Henry E. Straight, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors; and this being the last session at which he will meet with the Board, we feel it our duty to thank him for the courteous manner he has always extended to each member of the Board, and in all the hard places which a Supervisor meets he has always done his best to make it pleasant for each member while in session and at all other times, and the Board regret that he has to leave us.

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, the Board voted to pay E. A. Bidelman, James R. Dickey and W. T. Stansell five dollars each for labor performed for the county.

Upon motion of Supervisor Dickey, supported by Supervisor Stansell, the Clerk was instructed to draw an order in favor of Clara E. Hiesrodt for five dollars for typewriting done for the Board.

Upon motion of Supervisor Johnson, the Board voted to change the location of the platform and furniture in the interior of the Supervisors room so that the members, when seated, would face the north.

Upon motion of Supervisor Rathburn, Chairman of the Committee on Sheriffs and Constables Accounts, the Board voted to allow Frank Seabury, ex-Deputy Game and Fish Warden \$24.50 as balance in full of his account.

Supervisor McKay spoke of the very efficient work of Mrs. Hiesrodt, Deputy County Clerk, for the past four years and suggested to Supervisor Johnson that he offer the position of Deputy County Clerk to her upon his coming into the office of County Clerk on January 1, 1909.

Upon motion of Supervisor Fenner, the Board adjourned until January 4, 1909, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Henry E. Straight,  
Clerk.

John L. McMurray,  
Chairman.

**January Session. (1st day) Monday, January 4, 1909.**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors room in the city of Coldwater, on Monday, the fourth day of January, A. D., 1909.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Upon call of the Roll, a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of the last day's meeting of the October session read and approved.

The committees on which Mr. Johnson was appointed for the year having considerable work of importance to perform during this session and the fact of his being no longer the Supervisor of Union Township, Supervisor Dickey moved that the Chair appoint a successor on the several committees to take the place of Mr. Johnson, which motion prevailed. Whereupon the Chair appointed Supervisor W. H. Tower.

The County Clerk here stated that a Local Option petition was on file in his office and if the Board so desired he would present it at this time, but that he preferred to verify the count he had already made in order to make a more complete report.

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, supported by Supervisor Luce, the Clerk was given until next Wednesday or longer if necessary.

Supervisor Dickey offered the following resolution:

Mr. Chairman, I move that the resolution offered by me at the October session relating to the appointment of a committee to investigate the fees charged by the Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Probate Judge be taken from the table. After reading at length some of the resolutions passed by former Boards of Supervisors together with some of the statutes which seem to apply on



the matter pertaining to the said resolution, the motion prevailed.

Supervisor Dickey then offered the following resolution:

Resolved that the Chairman appoint a committee of three to investigate the fees charged and collected by the Probate Judge, County Clerk and Register of Deeds and ascertain whether such fees are lawful or unlawful and that said committee have authority to employ counsel if in their judgment they deemed it necessary, and that they report their findings to this Board as soon as possible.

The above resolution was adopted by the Board. Mr. McMurray, the Chairman, wished to defer the appointing of the committee until tomorrow morning.

Upon motion of Supervisor Martin, the Board adjourned until one o'clock p. m.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting called to order.

Upon motion of Supervisor Martin, supported by Supervisor Dickey, the Committee on County Poor and County Property was instructed to install a telephone in the Attorney's room adjoining the court room for the use of the Attorneys and the circuit court while in session.

Supervisor Luce moved that the Board adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, which motion prevailed.

Leon A. Johnson,

Clerk.

John L. McMurray,

Chairman.

### January Session. (2nd day) Tuesday, January 5, 1909.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors room in the city of Coldwater, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, A. D., 1909.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Upon call of the Roll, a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of the last day's meeting read and approved.

The accounts of Owen & Baldwin and four others were received and referred to the Committee on Printing.

The accounts of Doubleday Bros. and W. H. Wieand and

thirty-eight others were received and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

The accounts of Henry Wait and three others were received and referred to the Committee on Justices Accounts.

The official bonds of Alphonso Tyler, Frank T. Shaffmaster, Leon A. Johnson, Joseph H. Montague, Charles F. Howe, Ambrose Talmage, John J. Cox and Fred H. Harris were presented and referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

The accounts of Mark F. Hiesrodt, John Hardenbrook and twenty others were received and referred to the Committee on Sheriffs and Constables Accounts.

At this time the Chairman appointed the following committee to act upon the resolution offered by Mr. Dickey at yesterday's session:

Supervisors Fox, White and Stansell.

The following resolution was presented by Supervisor Dickey and adopted by the Board:

Whereas, the list of fees charged for recording papers in the Register of Deeds office was prepared and caused to be printed by one who was elected and held the office a great many years ago and the forms of papers have been changed and modified and the Acts authorizing certain papers, records and proceedings made and had in the Probate office has been passed; therefore be it resolved by this Board of Supervisors that the Committee on Investigation of these offices be and they are hereby instructed to employ good and sufficient Counsel to aid them in their investigation in the several offices and that they make or cause to be made and printed new and complete legal and lawful fee lists and that they be posted in conspicuous places in the offices by the occupants.

Supervisor McKay suggested that the Committee appoint W. H. Lockerby as their Counsel.

Upon motion of Supervisor Bates, the Board adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Leon A. Johnson,

John L. McMurray,

Clerk.

Chairman.

January Session. (3rd day) Wednesday, January 6, 1909.

The Board of Supervisors of the county of Branch met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors room in the city of Coldwater, on Wednesday, the sixth day of January, A. D., 1909.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Upon call of the Roll, a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of the last day's meeting read and approved.

Upon motion of Supervisor Fox, Supervisor Tompkins was excused from today's session of the Board.

Upon motion of Supervisor Hoopingarner, Supervisor McKay was excused from today's session of the Board.

The County Clerk here presented a Local Option petition which was filed in his office December 28, 1908, containing the names of 2,681 petitioners praying that an election be held in this county to ascertain the will of the qualified voters of this county, whether or not the manufacture of liquor and liquor traffic be prohibited within the county. The number of names appearing on said petition have been compared with the returns and canvass of the last General Election held on November 3, 1908, in which the highest number of votes was 6,467; and it appears that such submission of said question of prohibition has been prayed for by not less than one-third of all the qualified voters of the entire county.

Supervisor Luce moved that the Local Option petition be referred to a committee of three to determine the legality of said petition, said Committee to be appointed by the Chairman, which motion prevailed, and the Chairman appointed the following Committee:

Supervisors Tompkins, Bidelman and Hoopingarner.

The following accounts were referred back to the Board and upon recommendation of the proper committees, were audited and allowed as follows:

Name	Service	Claimed	Allowed
W. G. Cowell, Prosecuting Attorney.....		\$ 29.68	\$ 29.68
E. R. Clarke & Co., Supplies.....		4.95	4.95
Swaffield & Hibbard, Supplies.....		22.47	22.47
W. B. Tuttle, Supplies.....		5.50	5.50
F. B. Reynolds, Postage.....		6.55	6.55
Gregory Mayer & Thom, Supplies.....		73.00	73.00
Ihling Bros & Everard, Supplies.....		73.35	73.35
Continental Mfg. Co., Supplies.....		8.75	8.75
F. J. Reed, Supplies.....		8.65	8.65
Ohio Paint & Varnish Co., Supplies.....		10.00	10.00
John Hardenbrook, Board Bill.....		466.10	466.10
John Hardenbrook, Locks.....		47.25	47.25
F. M. Rustine, Order Sheriff.....		5.00	5.00
L. S. Daniells .....		2.00	2.00
George J. McCrodan, Deputy Sheriff.....		54.28	54.28
V. U. Hungerford, Truant Officer.....		128.35	128.35
John D. Parks, Deputy Sheriff.....		42.60	42.60
Fred Barber, Deputy Marshal.....		5.20	5.20
P. J. Leavy.....		1.00	1.00
Chas. J. Keeslar, Deputy Sheriff.....		14.00	14.00
Philo Gary, Deputy Sheriff.....		22.55	22.55
Mrs. John Hardenbrook, Washing.....		33.26	33.26
John Hardenbrook, Drawing Jury ect.....		42.00	42.00
John Hardenbrook, Incidentals.....		42.86	42.86
Horace Kitchel, Printing etc.....		70.20	70.20
John S. Evans, Printing.....		8.60	8.60
Owen & Baldwin, Printing.....		4.90	4.90
C. H. Newell, Printing.....		106.55	106.55
Henry Wait, Justice.....		25.10	25.10
Chas. N. Legg, Justice.....		70.70	70.70
A. T. Kinney, Justice.....		27.90	27.90
C. J. Harris & Co., Burial Soldier.....		29.00	29.00
Joseph H. Montague, Justice.....		33.10	33.10
Van Aken Bros., Livery.....		11.00	11.00
Van Aken Bros., Livery.....		11.00	11.00
C. J. Harris, Burial Soldier.....		40.00	40.00
C. J. Harris & Co., Burial Soldier.....		25.00	25.00
C. J. Harris, Burial Soldier.....		29.00	29.00
Van Aken Bros., Livery.....		15.00	15.00
Citator Publishing Co., Citator.....		3.00	3.00
Detroit Legal News Co., Legal News.....		4.00	4.00

Total \$ 1,000.00

The account of Charles Thompson was referred back to a committee of the whole and upon motion of Supervisor Luce, was allowed at \$2.

Upon motion of Supervisor Fenner, the Board adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Leon A. Johnson,

Clerk.

John L. McMurray,

Chairman.

### January Session. (4th day) Thursday, January 7, 1909.

The Board of Supervisors of the county of Branch met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors room in the city of Coldwater, on Wednesday, the seventh day of January, A. D., 1909.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Upon call of the Roll, a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of the last day's meeting read and approved.

Supervisor Bidelman requested to be excused from the committee to which the Local Option petition was referred. Said request was granted by the Chairman and Supervisor Corwin was appointed to take his place on the committee.

At this time the County Clerk presented a petition for the County Road System filed in his office on January 6, 1909, by State Highway Commissioner Horatio S. Earle, containing the names of what appear to be a requisite number of petitioners praying that an election be held according to Section 1, Act No. 82 of the Public Acts of 1907. Supervisor McKay moved that said petition be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges for their consideration, which motion prevailed.

A communication from the State Association of Supervisors was read here and, upon motion of Supervisor Martin, ordered placed on file.

A motion was made and carried that three representatives be elected to represent the Board at the meeting of the State Association of Supervisors to be held at Lansing February 2, 1909, and that said representatives be paid three dollars per day and their expenses; Supervisors McKay, Martin and Stansell were elected as such representatives.

Supervisor McKay moved that in case any of the above representatives were unable to attend the meeting that said representative have the privilege to select his successor, which motion prevailed.

Upon motion of Supervisor Martin, the Clerk was instructed to draw an order for ten dollars on the county in favor of the State Association of Supervisors, said order to be delivered to the Chairman of the delegation.

Supervisor Bates moved that the election of Janitor of the court house be placed on special order of business for tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, which motion prevailed.

Upon motion of Supervisor Luce, the Board adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Leon A. Johnson,

Clerk.

John L. McMurray,

Chairman.

### January Session. (5th day) Friday, January 8, 1909.

The Board of Supervisors of the county of Branch met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors room in the city of Coldwater, on Friday, the eighth day of January, A. D., 1909.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Upon call of the Roll, a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of the last day's meeting read and approved.

The account of Alphonso Tyler was received and referred to the Committee on Sheriffs and Constables Accounts.

The accounts of Dorrance Drug Co. and eleven others were received and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

The following accounts were referred back to the Board and upon recommendation of the proper committees, were audited and allowed as follows:

Name	Service	Claimed	Allowed
Daniel C. Card, Deputy Sheriff.....		\$229.89	\$229.49
J. W. French, Justice.....		2.75	2.75
Mark F. Hiesrodt, Deputy Sheriff.....		189.99	189.99
Orrin F. Thornton, Drain Commissioner.....		33.00	33.00
W. H. Wicand,.....		5.50	5.50



Frederick R. Childs & Co., Supplies.....	1.00	1.00
A. P. Little, Supplies.....	4.50	4.50
Chas. R. Thompson, Agent 1st Ward.....	2.00	2.00
Doubleday Bros. & Co., Supplies.....	97.59	97.59
W. C. Bailey, Printing.....	3.50	3.50
John Hardenbrook, Time and Expense.....	379.90	379.90
G. E. Kleindinst, Printing.....	65.00	66.00
L. J. Gripman, Marshal.....	53.19	53.19
L. J. Gripman, Marshal.....	31.95	31.95
L. J. Gripman, Marshal.....	1.45	1.45
J. E. Casebeer, Police.....	1.45	1.45

Supervisor Tower here submitted the following report:  
To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Your Committee on Inventory would respectfully report that they have gone through the court house and jail buildings and have checked up with the inventory as on file in the Clerk's office and find everything about as checked up last year.

We would also recommend that a new and more complete inventory of the court house and jail be taken by said committee another year.

Willis H. Tower,  
Persons J. Rathburn,  
Charles C. Fenner.

Supervisor Martin moved that the report of the committee be accepted and adopted together with the recommendation submitted by them, which motion prevailed.

The time having arrived for the election of Janitor as ordered at yesterday's session, Supervisor McKay moved that the Clerk be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of this Board for William F. Cook for Janitor of the court house for the ensuing year. The Clerk did as instructed and Mr. Cook was declared elected.

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, the Board adjourned until Monday, January 11, 1909, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Leon A. Johnson,

John L. McMurray,

Clerk.

Chairman.

January Session. (6th day) Monday, January 11, 1909.

The Board of Supervisors of the county of Branch met pursuant to adjournment, at the Supervisors room in the city of Coldwater, on Monday, the eleventh day of January, A. D., 1909.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Upon call of the Roll, a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of the last day's meeting read and approved.

Upon motion of Supervisor Tower, Supervisor Steffey was excused from the morning's session of the Board.

Upon motion of Supervisor Martin, Supervisor Tompkins was excused from today's session of the Board.

The account of F. J. Reed was received and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

The accounts of George J. McCrodan and J. E. Casebeer were received and referred to the Committee on Sheriffs and Constables Accounts.

Supervisor Corwin, Chairman of the Committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred the petitions for the County Road System here submitted the following report:  
To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the county of Branch:

Your Committee on Roads and Bridges to whom was referred the several petitions praying for the submission of the question of the adoption of the County Road System for the county of Branch to the electors of said county, respectfully submit the following report:

We have carefully examined the above named petitions and find that they comply with the requirements of Section No. 1. Act No. 82 Public Acts of 1907 amending Act 149 of Public Acts of 1893.

Therefore we submit the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolved that the question of adopting the County Road System be submitted to a vote of the electors of the county of Branch at the April election to be held on the first Monday in April, A. D., 1909.

Lewis J. Corwin,  
F. D. White,  
John E. Hoopingarner.

The above report was accepted and adopted upon call of the ayes and nays as follows:

Ayes—Supervisors Gray, Fox, Fenner, Hoopingarner, White, McMurray, Martin, Luce, Dickey, Stevens, Bidelman, Stansell, Corwin, Judd, 14.

Nays—Supervisors Bates, McKay, Rathburn, Tower, 4.

Supervisor McKay, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, here submitted the following report:  
To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Your committee to whom was referred the following official bonds would respectfully report that they fully examined and to recommend the approval of the same.

Bond of Leon A. Johnson, Register in Chancery, signed by H. T. Carpenter, J. S. Nesbitt and N. E. Tower.

Bond of Leon A. Johnson, official, signed by H. T. Carpenter, J. S. Nesbitt, N. E. Tower.

Bond of Frank T. Shaffmaster, signed by L. Sloman, L. M. Wing, Z. G. Osborn, F. W. Moore, B. B. Gorman, C. A. Pollock and H. R. Saunders.

Bond of Ambrose Talmage, signed by Samuel J. Chestnut and Starr W. Gruner.

Bond of Alphonso Tyler, signed by Charles W. Bater, John S. Nesbitt, H. T. Carpenter, William M. Hatch.

Bond of John J. Cox, signed by Bankers Surety Company by W. G. Cowell, Attorney in fact.

Bond of Joseph H. Montague, signed by Ezra Shoecraft and Jesse D. Payne.

Bond of Charles F. Howe, signed by Newton Baldwin and Thomas A. Hilton.

Bond of Fred H. Harris, signed by James S. Ogden and James H. Hoyt.

C. McKay,

E. G. Luce,

Edwin R. Bates.

Upon motion of Supervisor Dickey, the above report was accepted and adopted.

Supervisor Dickey moved that the Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of P. J. Rathburn, and John McMurray for five dollars each for services performed by them in the suit commenced against the county by the City Marshal Gripman, which motion prevailed.

Upon motion of Supervisor Fenner, the Board adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Leon A. Johnson,

Clerk.

John L. McMurray,

Chairman.

**January Session. (7th day) Tuesday, January 12, 1909.**

The Board of Supervisors of the county of Branch met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors room in the city of Coldwater, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of January, A. D., 1909.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Upon call of the Roll, a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of the last day's meeting read and approved.

Upon motion of Supervisor Stansell, supported by Supervisor Gray, Supervisor Tompkins was excused from today's session of the Board.

The account of the Michigan State Telephone Company was received and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

The account of Frank Barber was received and referred to the Committee on Sheriffs and Constables Accounts.

The following accounts were referred back to the Board and upon recommendation of the proper committees were audited and allowed as follows:

Name	Service	Claimed	Allowed
Alphonso Tyler, Under Sheriff.....		\$153.05	\$153.05
J. E. Casebeer, Police.....		1.00	1.00
George J. McCrodan, Deputy Sheriff.....		5.20	5.20
H. P. Mowry, Physician.....		10.00	5.00
F. J. Reed, Supplies.....		3.25	.75
James Swain, Express etc.....		12.53	12.53

Joseph H. Montague, Coroner.....	10.10	10.10
F. W. Stewart, Physician.....	6.00	6.00
Dr. W. A. Griffith, Physician.....	15.00	15.00
Dottie D. Dickey, Legal files.....	3.00	3.00
Ihling Bros. & Everard, Supplies.....	18.00	18.00
W. H. Baldwin, Physician.....	2.00	2.00
Gregory Mayer & Thom, Supplies.....	14.50	14.50
Dorrance Drug Co., Supplies.....	26.01	26.01
F. T. Shaffmaster, Inheritance Tax.....	41.75	41.75
Kerr Bros., Supplies.....	13.00	13.00
West Publishing Co., Books.....	69.00	69.00
Joseph A. Fetterly, Agent 4th Ward.....	2.00	2.00
O. D. Chapman, Repairing clock.....	1.00	1.00
E. E. Hancock, M. D., Physician.....	5.50	5.50
C. E. Eggleston, Supplies.....	1.45	1.45
L. S. Daniells, Agent 3rd Ward.....	2.00	2.00
J. C. Mannerow, Cleaning carpet.....	1.35	1.35
W. B. Tuttle, Supplies.....	155.05	155.05
Legg Lumber Co., Supplies.....	14.66	14.66
Perry D. Gray.....	2.70	2.70
Chas. F. Carpenter, Postage etc.....	10.75	10.75
E. A. Gage, Labor.....	4.40	4.40
Henry E. Straight, County Clerk.....	366.40	366.40
George W. Whitehead, Soldiers Relief Com.....	5.58	5.58
D. C. Allen & Co., Supplies.....	15.38	15.38
E. Shoecraft, Livery.....	2.00	2.00
Fred A. Acker.....	2.50	2.50
E. Blackman, Superintendent Poor.....	41.00	41.00
D. W. Dodge, Superintendent Poor.....	52.00	52.00
John J. Cox.....	10.00	10.00

The Committee on Miscellaneous Claims to whom was referred the bill of the Michigan State Telephone Company at today's session for installing a telephone in the Attorney's room, after careful consideration referred this account back to the Board; whereupon Supervisor Martin moved that the Clerk be instructed to pay for the use of the same in the regular way in which bills of this kind are now paid, which motion prevailed.

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, the Board adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Leon A. Johnson,

Clerk.

John L. McMurray,

Chairman.

January Session. (8th day) Wednesday, January 13, 1909.

The Board of Supervisors of the county of Branch met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors room in the city of Coldwater, on Wednesday, the thirteenth day of January, A. D., 1909.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Upon call of the Roll, a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of the last day's meeting read and approved.

The account of Lester L. Richardson of \$2.00 was received and referred to the Committee on Sheriffs and Constables Accounts.

The account of M. Vosburgh was received and referred to the Committee on Justices Accounts.

The account of Frank Barber of \$11.50 was referred back by the proper committee and allowed by the Board.

Supervisor Martin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolved that the County Clerk be and is hereby authorized to draw three orders for five dollars each, one in favor of W. T. Stansell, one in favor of J. R. Dickey and one in favor of E. A. Bidelman for labor performed in and about the court house and jail prior to January 14, 1909.

Supervisor McKay supported the motion which prevailed.

Supervisor Dickey spoke at some length regarding the labor E. G. Luce had performed for the county some time ago and without pay and stated that in his opinion he should receive the compensation justly due him; whereupon he moved that the Clerk be instructed to draw an order for \$30.00 in favor of Mr. Luce. Several Supervisors supported the motion.

Mr. Luce here offered some explanations in reference to the question and moved that the above motion be tabled until some future time, which was supported by Supervisor Steffey and said motion was lost.

The original motion was then voted upon by the Board and carried.

B. F. Rolph, Secretary of the County Board of Superintendents of the Poor, here submitted the following inventory:  
To the honorable Board of Supervisors of Branch County:



Gentlemen:

The Board of Superintendents of the Poor of said county submit the following report of the Inventory of chattel property owned by the county at the county farm, made January 7 and 8, 1909.

Live Stock.

4 horses .....	\$750.00	
15 neat cattle.....	475.00	
23 hogs .....	135.00	
70 chickens .....	35.00	\$1395.00

Hay, Grain and Feed.

20 tons hay .....	\$200.00	
Stack of straw .....	12.00	
Shredded corn fodder .....	40.00	
Corn stalks .....	8.00	
800 lbs. bran .....	9.00	
1800 lbs. ground feed .....	20.00	
150 bushels wheat .....	150.00	
350 bushels oats .....	175.00	
700 baskets corn .....	210.00	
17 bushels clover seed .....	80.00	\$ 904.00

Miscellaneous.

Fuel .....	\$300.00	
Medicines .....	17.00	
Junk .....	15.00	
Laundry Supplies .....	46.35	
Household furnishing .....	1037.10	
Bedding .....	412.25	
Food .....	333.35	
Tobacco .....	4.50	
Clothing .....	563.95	
Farm tools .....	507.15	
Engine room tools .....	68.50	\$2926.80
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		\$5604.15

Respectfully submitted,

E. Blackman,  
D. W. Dodge,  
B. F. Rolph.

Superintendents of the Poor

At this time Supervisor Luce took occasion to ask the Superintendents of the Poor whether or not in their opinion it would be advisable for the county to purchase an addition to the county farm. After some statements were made by Mr. Rolph regarding the proposition from a financial standpoint and after careful consideration by the Board, Supervisor Gray moved that the Committee on County Poor and County Property be instructed to investigate the matter and report to the Board at some future time.

Supervisor Dickey supported the motion, which prevailed.

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, the Board adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Leon A. Johnson,

Clerk.

John L. McMurray,

Chairman.

### January Session... (9th day)... Thursday, Jan. 14, 1909.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors room in the City of Coldwater, on Thursday, the fourteenth day of January A. D. 1909.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Upon call of the roll, a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of the last day's meeting read and approved.

The account of S. Schultz M. D. was received and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

The accounts of Lester L. Richardson and Mortimer Vosburgh were referred back to the Board and upon recommendation of the proper Committees, were audited and allowed as presented.

Supervisor Bates, Chairman of the Committee on Insurance, here submitted the following report, together with the recommendation, and moved its adoption:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors,

Gentlemen:—

We have examined the several policies carried on the property belonging to the County and find that the dates of said policies expire as follows:

Policies on Property at the County Farm, \$2500.00 expire Jan. 18, 1909.

Policies on Property at the County Farm, \$1050.00 expire Jan. 28, 1909.

Policies on property at the County Farm, \$2000.00 expire Jan. 21, 1909.

Policies on Property at the County Farm, \$500.00 expire June 16, 1909.

Policies on Property at the County Farm, \$1000.00 expire July 25, 1909.

Policies on Property at the County Jail, \$2500.00 expire Oct. 21, 1909.

Policies on Property at the County Jail, \$1250.00 expire Oct. 31, 1909.

Policies on Property at the County Jail, \$1250.00 expire Nov. 9, 1909.

Policies on property at the County Jail, \$1250.00 expire Nov. 12, 1909.

Policies on Court House, \$5075.00 expire Oct. 25, 1909.

Policies on Court House, \$2000.00 expire Oct. 25, 1909.

Policies on Court House, \$3000.00 expire Oct. 25, 1909.

Policies on Court House, \$2500.00 expire Oct. 25, 1909.

Policies on Court House, \$2000.00 expire Oct. 26, 1909.

Policies on Court House, \$2500.00 expire Oct. 26, 1909.

Policies on Court House, \$2500.00 expire Oct. 27, 1909.

Policies on Court House, \$2500.00 expire Oct. 27, 1909.

Policies on Court House, \$2000.00 expire Oct. 27, 1909.

Policies on Court House \$2500.00 expire Oct. 31, 1909.

Policies on Court House, \$5000.00 expire Dec. 16, 1909.

Policies on Court House, \$5000.00 expire Oct. 23, 1910.

Policies on Court House, \$3000.00 expire Oct. 26, 1910.

Policies on Court House, \$3000.00 expire Oct. 26, 1910.

Policies on Court House, \$4500.00 expire Nov. 4, 1910.

Policies on property at County Farm, \$1500.00 expire Nov. 7 1910.

Policies on Property at County Farm \$2255.00 expire Nov. 8, 1910.

Policies on Property at County Farm \$1750.00 expires Nov. 8, 1910.

Policies on Property at County Farm \$1450.00 expire Nov. 19, 1910.

Policies on Engine House, and Machinery, \$1500.00 expire Oct. 19, 1910.

Policies on Engine House and Machinery, \$1400.00 expire Nov. 19, 1910.

Policies on Jail Barn, \$400.00 expire Sept. 11, 1911.

Total amount of insurance carried on County Farm buildings is \$16900.00.

Total amount of insurance carried on Jail and barn is \$6650.00.

Total amount of insurance on Court House is \$49075.00.

We would recommend that an additional sum of \$2000.00 be carried on the new building recently added to the County Farm buildings.

Edwin R. Bates.

C. McKay.

E. G. Luce.

Committee

Supervisor Gray supported the motion, which prevailed.

The Committee on County Drains here submitted their report which is as follows:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch  
Gentlemen:—

Your Committee on Drains would respectfully report that they have examined the books and records in the office of the Drain Commissioner for the year ending Oct. 1, 1908 and have compared the same with the report submitted by the Drain Commissioner at the October Session of this Board and find that in the following Drains the footings have been corrected.

Blackwell Drain, \$197.08 to \$197.21.

County No. 22, one order, \$75.60 to \$7.60.

One order omitted in the same drain, D. E. Weage \$18.00.

Bethel No. 12 & 35 one order of F. E. Bidelman of \$58.80 was omitted. On Lamb Drain the assessment was placed \$729.49 and should have been \$696.33, making the balance which was \$581.94 corrected to \$548.78.

Your Committee also finds on the Drain Commissioner's book quite a discrepancy in his final balance with the County Treasurer's book. This Discrepancy arises from the fact that the Drain Commissioner charges to the separate drains the full amount as they appear on the assessment roll, and the actual amount received by the County Treasurer is the amount that is charged to the drain on the Treasurer's book.

Your Committee would recommend that the Drain Commissioner be instructed to take the final balances as they appear on the Treasurer's book January 1, 1908 as the balance in each drain to commence the account, that his accounts should agree with the books in the Treasurer's office, and would further recommend that the Commissioner consult the Treasurer's book as to the delinquent taxes and the interest that may be collected and place the same to the credit of the drains to which they may belong.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Joseph Steffey,

A. G. Stevens,

A. O. Fox.

Upon motion of Supervisor Dickey, supported by Supervisor Bidelman, the above report was accepted and adopted and ordered placed on file.

Supervisor Luce moved that the Committee on County Drains be instructed to request the County Drain Commissioner to read his annual report at the beginning of the January session if it would be in accordance with the Statute so that there might be less chances for discrepancies in the Drain accounts with his accounts and the County Treasurer, which motion was supported and carried.

Supervisor Luce moved that the petitions praying for the removal of names appearing on the Local Option petitions now in the hands of the Committee appointed by the Chairman of the Board be taken from said Committee and referred to the Board as a committee of the whole.

Supervisor Gray supported the motion, which prevailed.

The passing of this motion by the Board brought about a considerable discussion whereupon Supervisor Luce moved that M. D. Campbell be asked to come before the Board at this time and give some information regarding the matter.

Supervisor White supported the motion, which prevailed.

Supervisor Martin moved to take a recess of ten minutes which motion prevailed.

The Board was called to order by the Chairman.

Mr. Campbell appearing before the Board at this time the members took the opportunity of asking some questions regarding the petitions for the withdrawal of names from the Local Option petitions, said withdrawal petitions being filed with the County Clerk on January 13, 1909 and by him handed over to the committee on Local Option petitions at once. Mr. Campbell very cheerfully answered the questions put to him as best he could and among other things said that it was his opinion that in as much as the petitions filed Jan. 13, 1909 were not posted in the same manner that the regular Local Option petition had been, he thought the Board should not take into account the more recent petitions nor the affidavits of the same.

He also called the attention of the Board to the fact that it is their duty to be governed by the face of the Local Option petitions as to their sufficiency and whether there were enough petitioners to said Local Option petition or not, and in any instance it would be for the Board to ascertain these facts.

Upon motion of Supervisor Gray, the Board adjourned until one o'clock.



## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting called to order by the Charman.

Supervisor McKay moved to adjourn until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

The ayes and nays being called for resulted as follows:  
Ayes, Supervisors Fox, Hoopingarner, Martin, Dickey, Stevens, Bidelman, Stansell, Thompkins, Judd, Steffey, Tower, McMurray.  
13.

Nays, Supervisors Gray, Fenner, White, Luce, Corwin, Bates, Rathburn, 7. Said motion prevailed.

Leon A. Johnson,  
Clerk.

John L. McMurray,  
Chairman.

### January Session. (10th day.) Friday, January 15, 1909.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors room in the city of Coldwater on Friday, the fifteenth day of January, A. D., 1909.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Upon call of the roll, a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of the last day's meeting read and approved.

At this time the County Clerk read a communication from Branch County Pomona Grange No. 22 relative to the submission of the question of Local Option to the voters of Branch County.

Upon motion of Supervisor Martin, supported by Supervisor Dickey, the above communication was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The accounts of Henry Runyan and Keefe-Davidson Co. were received and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

Supervisor Bidelman here submitted the report of the Committee on Settlement with the County Clerk, which is as follows:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of Branch County,  
Gentlemen:—

Your Committee on Settlement with the County Clerk would respectfully report that they have examined the books and vouch-

ers of Henry E. Straight, County Clerk, and find as follows:

That there has been commenced in the Circuit Court during the year 1908, thirty-eight cases for which the County is entitled to two dollars in each case \$76.00

That there have been commenced in the Circuit Court two jury cases for which the County is entitled to six dollars each case \$12.00

That there have been paid into the Circuit Court during the year 1908 for fines and costs collected \$828.35

That there has been received by the County Clerk from Emery G. Luce, overpaid on Committee work \$34.08

That there has been issued from the County Clerk's Office during the year fifty-one Hunters Licenses for which the County is entitled to one dollar and twenty-five cents each \$63.75

Making a total of \$1014.21

All having been turned over to the County Treasurer for which receipts have been duly received and filed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Dated at Coldwater, Jan. 13, 1909.

A. C. Judd,

E. A. Bidelman,

J. T. Tompkins,

Committee.

Upon motion of Supervisor Dickey, supported by Supervisor Stansell, the above report was accepted, adopted and ordered placed on file.

The accounts of Dr. S. Schultz, Henry Runyan, Keefe-Davidson Co., and Mrs. R. E. Bates were referred back to the Board and upon recommendation of the proper Committees, were audited and allowed as presented.

In reference to the account of Mrs. R. E. Bates, the Committee wishes to say that we are in doubt as to the legality of bills of this character but in view of the smallness of this bill and its apparent fairness, the Committee recommend its allowance. We have requested an opinion on the subject from the Prosecuting Attorney and when received, such opinion can be used as a guide for

future action on such bills.

George Martin,  
C. C. Fenner,  
A. C. Judd,  
Committee.

Upon motion of Supervisor Dickey, supported by others, the above statement of the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims was adopted.

Supervisor McKay moved that the thanks of this Board be extended to T. A. Hilton for the thermometers presented to the members, which motion prevailed.

Supervisor Luce moved that this Board do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole and take under consideration the Counter petitions praying that the names shall be removed from the Local Option petitions in the hands of the Committee appointed by the Chairman of this Board, which motion was supported and carried.

Upon the call of Supervisor Luce for a report of the Committee of the Whole, Supervisor McMurray resumed his seat as Chairman of the Board and Supervisor Martin, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, informed the members that there is nothing to report from said Committee.

Supervisor Luce submitted the following resolution which was supported:

Whereas, petitions have been presented to this Board praying for the withdrawal of names from Local Option petitions filed Dec. 28, 1908 with the County Clerk now therefore be it resolved that the request of said petitioners be denied.

Supervisor McKay moved to amend the above resolution by referring the withdrawal petitions back to the Committee on Local Option petitions.

The ayes and nays being called for resulted as follows:  
Ayes, Supervisors Fox, Hoopingarner, Dickey, Bidelman, Stansell, Tompkins, Judd, Steffey, McKay, Tower. 10.  
Nays, Supervisors Gray, Fenner, White, McMurray, Martin, Luce, Stevens, Corwin, Bates, Rathburn. 10.

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, the Board adjourned until one o'clock this afternoon.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman.

Supervisor Luce's motion in reference to the withdrawal petitions was at once taken up by the Board and the ayes and nays being called for resulted as follows:

Ayes, Supervisors Gray, Fenner, White, Martin, Luce, Bates. 6.  
Nays, Supervisors Fox, Hoopingarner, McMurray, Dickey Bidelman, Stansell, Tompkins, Corwin, Judd, Steffey, McKay, Rathburn, Tower. 13.

Supervisor McKay moved that the Counter petitions presented to this Board be referred back to the Local Option Committee with the request that they report at tomorrow's session and if they find not a sufficient number of names on said counter petitions that they be instructed to report in favor of the submission of the Local Option question.

Supervisor Dickey supported the motion, which prevailed.

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, the Board adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

Leon A. Johnson,  
Clerk.

John L. McMurray,  
Chairman.

### January Session. (11th day.) Saturday, January 16, 1909.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisor's Room in the City of Coldwater, on Saturday, the sixteenth day of January, A. D. 1909.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Upon call of the roll a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of the last day's meeting read and approved.

Supervisor Fox stated that the Committee on Investigation of the several offices would not be ready to report at today's session.

Supervisor Luce, Chairman of the Committee on Salaries, submitted the following resolution and moved its adoption:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Your Committee on Salaries beg leave to make the following report:

We find that the County Treasurer receives as fees from the collection of the Liquor Tax and the Inheritance tax an amount averaging close to two hundred dollars; therefore your Committee would offer the following resolution:

Resolved that the County Treasurer shall receive for clerk hire two hundred dollars and that he shall pay over to the County all fees received from the collection of the Liquor and Inheritance taxes into the general fund of the County and that he shall receive credit for the same when it is found that he has done so.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. G. Luce,

P. D. Gray,

L. J. Corwin.

Supervisor Stevens supported the motion which prevailed upon call of ayes and nays as follows:

Ayes, Supervisors Gray, Fox, Fenner, White, McMurray, Martin, Luce, Dickey, Stevens, Bidelman, Stansell, Judd, Steffey, Bates, McKay, Rathburn, Tower. 17.

Nays, none.

Supervisor Gray offered the following motion and moved its adoption:

That Supervisor Dickey be instructed to have copies of any existing pictures of the previous Boards of Supervisors made and framed and hung upon the walls of the Supervisors Room and that the expense of the same be paid by the County.

Supervisor Luce supported the motion; which prevailed.

Supervisor Tompkins, Chairman of the Committee on Local Option Petitions, at this time read the following report of said Committee:

To the Branch County Board of Supervisors:

Gentlemen:—

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of Local Option petitions, so called, have thoroughly considered the same and respectfully report thereon as follows:

1. We find the requisite number of names upon legally authenticated petitions, sufficient to authorize the Board to submit the question to the electors of the County.



2. We also find that the affidavits accompanying the original petition do not show that an attempt had been made to procure the certified transcript of the Poll List, and that such affidavits do not show the failure of an effort to obtain or procure such certified transcript of the Poll List, and in that such affidavits do not state any reason why such certified transcript of the Poll List was not procured, or why such certified transcript of the Poll List was not procured.

3. We therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted; therefore the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

Dated this 16th day of January A. D. 1909.

Date: this 6

Signed

J. T. Tompkins,

L. J. Corwin,

John E. Hoopingarner,

Committee.

Supervisor McKay moved that the report of the above Committee be accepted and adopted and that the Clerk of this Board be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of the Board in favor of the submission of the question to the people; Supervisor Dickey supported the motion; the clerk did as instructed and the motion prevailed.

Supervisor Tompkins presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Whereas, twenty-one petitions from as many townships, wards and election precincts of Branch County, praying that the manufacture of liquor and the liquor traffic be prohibited in said County, have been laid before the Board of Supervisors at the present session of the Board, by the County Clerk of said County, which petitions have been duly examined and upon which examination it appears that such petitions have been signed by more than one-third of the qualified electors of said County as shown by the returns and canvass of the General Election for said officers held in said County in November 1908.

The Board finds that the highest vote cast for any such officer in said County at the last General Election was six thousand



four hundred and sixty-seven votes, and that the said petitions have been signed by two thousand seven hundred and twenty electors of said County.

Therefore resolved and it is hereby ordered that the question whether the manufacture of liquor and the liquor traffic be prohibited in Branch County, under the provisions of Act. No. 207, of the Public Acts of 1889 and the Acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, be submitted to the qualified electors of said County at the next General Election of Township officers in the several townships, villages, cities and election precincts in Branch County to be held on the first Monday in April 1909 to ascertain whether or not it is the will of the electors of said County that the manufacture of liquor and the liquor traffic should be prohibited within the limits of said County.

Supervisor McKay supported the motion and upon call for the ayes and nays resulted as follows: Ayes, Supervisors Gray, Fox, Fenner, Hoopingarner, White, McMurray, Martin, Luce, Dickey, Stevens, Bidelman, Stansell, Tompkins, Corwin, Judd, Steffey, Bates, McKay, Rathburn, Tower. 20. Nays, none. Said motion prevailed.

Supervisor Dickey, Chairman of the Committee on Settlement with the County Treasurer, here submitted the following report:

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch:

Your Committee on Settlement with the County Treasurer would most respectfully report as follows:

That we have carefully examined the books and accounts of Frank T. Shaffmaster, County Treasurer of this County, for the year commencing January 1, 1908 and ending December 31, 1908 and find as follows:

### Receipts.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1908 .....	\$1253.13
Delinquent State Tax .....	197.15

Delinquent County Tax .....	152.93
Delinquent County Drain Tax .....	115.61
Delinquent Town Tax .....	218.67
Delinquent City Tax .....	124.05
Delinquent Village Tax .....	142.74
State Tax .....	58999.65
County Tax .....	38897.41
County Drain Tax .....	15277.27
Liquor Tax .....	13883.11
Primary School Interest .....	52452.08
Teachers Institute Fees .....	138.50
Library Fund .....	1130.75
State of Michigan .....	61.87
Poor Fund .....	1713.54
Miscellaneous .....	497.39
Inheritance Tax .....	4175.27
Lost heirs and legacies .....	272.15
Borrowed of Bank .....	6000.00

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Total receipts .....	195713.27
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#### Disbursements.

Incidentals .....	\$2863.44
Poor Fund Orders .....	13175.76
Jurors Orders .....	2104.43
Witness Orders .....	342.18
Supervisors Orders .....	17203.04
County Drain Orders .....	15827.20
Soldiers Relief Fund .....	827.28
Salaries .....	6723.50
Delinquent Taxes .....	226.91
State Tax .....	58899.65
State Delinquent Tax .....	145.00
Liquor Tax .....	6941.55
Primary School Interest .....	54932.52
Teachers Institute fees .....	137.78
Library Fund .....	967.20
State of Michigan .....	4277.63
School Examiners .....	191.00
Insane Asylum .....	1806.19
House of Correction .....	238.99
Miscellaneous .....	969.04
Sparrow Bounty .....	374.58
Lost heirs and legacy .....	375.00

Paid to Banks .....	5000.00
Survey Tax .....	15.08
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1908 .....	1048.32
Total Disbursements .....	<u>\$195713.27</u>

### State Tax.

#### Receipts.

State Tax .....	\$58999.65
Inheritance Tax .....	4175.27
Delinquent State Tax .....	145.00
Bal. due State Dec. 31, 1907 .....	49.86
State of Michigan .....	61.87
Total Receipts .....	<u>63483.80</u>

### State Tax

#### Disbursements.

State Tax .....	58999.65
Delinquent State Tax .....	145.00
State of Michigan .....	4277.63
Bal. due State Dec. 31, 1908 .....	58.31
County Contingent Fund .....	3.21
Total Disbursements .....	<u>63483.80</u>

### County Contingent Fund.

#### Receipts.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1908 .....	\$1253.13
County Tax .....	38897.41
County Delinquent Tax .....	152.93
Liquor Tax .....	13883.11
Poor Fund .....	1713.54
Miscellaneous .....	497.39
Rejected Tax .....	3.21
Borrowed from Banks .....	6000.00
Total Receipts .....	<u>62400.72</u>

## County Contingent Fund.

.....Disbursements.	
Supervisors Orders .....	\$17203.04
Poor Fund .....	13175.76
Salaries .....	6723.50
Incidentals .....	2863.44
Jurors Orders .....	2104.43
Soldiers Relief .....	827.28
Insane Asylum .....	1806.19
Miscellaneous .....	969.04
House of Correction .....	238.99
School Examiners .....	191.00
Witness Orders .....	342.18
Sparrow Bounty .....	374.58
State of Mich. (charge back list) .....	6.66
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1909 .....	1048.32
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\$47874.41	

## Liquor Tax.

Receipts .....	\$13883.11
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## Disbursements

Cities and Villages .....	\$6941.55
Contingent Fund .....	6941.55
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13883.11	

## Delinquent Taxes.

### Receipts.

Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1908 .....	\$183.65
Receipts of year 1908 .....	485.46
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Total Receipts .....	669.11
Disbursements .....	228.38
Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1909 .....	440.73
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Total Disbursements .....	669.11

## Teachers Institute Fees.

### Receipts.

Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1908 .....	\$103.93
Receipts for year 1908 .....	138.50
Total receipts .....	242.43
Disbursements .....	137.78
Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1909 .....	104.65
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	242.43

### Survey Tax.

#### Receipts.

Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1908 .....	\$23.00
Disbursements .....	15.08
Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1909 .....	7.92

## Primary School Interest Fund.

### Receipts.

Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1908 .....	\$4877.00
Receipts for year 1908 .....	52462.08
Total receipts .....	57339.08
Disbursements .....	54932.52
Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1909 .....	2386.56
Total receipts .....	57339.08

### Library Fund.

Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1908 .....	\$542.03
Receipts for year 1908 .....	1130.75
Total Receipts .....	1672.78
Disbursements .....	967.20
Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1909 .....	705.58
Total Disbursements .....	1672.78
Belonging to legatees and lost heirs we find .....	\$1126.82
Receipts for year 1908 .....	272.15
Total .....	1398.97

Disbursements for legatees and lost heirs for 1908 .....	\$375.00
Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1909 .....	1023.97
Total .....	1398.97

### DRAINS.

	Balance 1 1 08	Disburse- Receipts    ments	Balance Over- 12 31 08 draft
Adams Joint .....	\$2.97		\$2.97
Adams No. 19 .....	13.49		13.49
Adams No. 26 .....	15.07		15.07
Archer .....	2.81	\$2.81	
Batavia No. 7 .....	.15		.15
Batavia No. 17 .....	.75		.75
Batavia No. 19 .....	3.81		3.81
Bethel No. 9 .....	.55		.55
Bethel No. 20 .....	5.65		5.65
Bethel No. 22 .....	1.80		1.80
Bethel No. 24 .....	.29		.29
Bethel No. 27 .....	.90		.90
Bethel No. 35 .....	.23		.23
Paker .....	6.50		6.50
Benton .....	4.98		4.98
Blackwell .....	2.87	\$1066.57    \$1060.48	8.96
Blasser .....	.50		.50
Blackwell W Branch	3.07		3.07
Berry No. 29 .....	38.10		38.10
Branch 2 of Branch 31	18.76		18.76
Bronson No. 16 .....	6.41		6.41
Bronson & Bethel 4 & 1	.59	1.00	1.59
Bronson No. 10 .....	.04		.04
Bowen Creek .....	.47		.47
Briggs .....	14.84		14.84
Braman No. 30 .....			\$7.49
Batavia No. 9 .....	4.42		4.42
Branch 1 of Branch 31			4.99
Bethel No. 3 .....			.50
Bethel & Ovid No. 8	.03		.03
Buell No. 10 .....	58.06	38.05	20.01
Benton Pond .....	42.65	.56    9.98	33.23
Bethel No. 12, 35 .....	124.69	124.00	.69
Bethel No. 28 .....		1561.01    1560.70	.31
Bethel No. 15 .....		361.50    351.54	9.96
Batavia No. 16 .....		768.79    427.65	341.14



Batavia No. 1 .....	820.65	818.45	2.20	
Batavia No. 10 .....	1565.13	1500.35	64.78	
County No. 23 .....	2.67		2.67	
County No. 24 .....	11.56		11.56	
County No. 30 .....	27.99		27.99	
County No. 25 .....	3.89		3.89	
County No. 47 .....	.83		.83	
Cass .....	.76		.76	
County No. 21 .....	1.02		1.02	
County No. 16 .....	5.29		5.29	
County No. 1 .....				.76
County No. 15 .....	11.52	5.95	5.57	
County No. 8 .....	44.35	7.00	37.35	
County No. 13 .....	28.45	3.00	25.45	
Colvin .....	17.63	2.90	14.73	
County No. 22 .....	103.40	102.50	.90	
County No. 17 .....	47.29	6.54	31.44	22.39
County No. 40 .....	631.93	357.50	274.43	
County No. 48 .....	1.40		1.40	
County No. 18 .....	5.57		5.57	
County No. 51 .....	1714.90	1713.35	1.55	
Daily No. 35 .....	1.57		1.57	
Ditch No. 4 .....	2.25		2.25	
Dickey .....	3.44	4.74	8.18	
Extension No. 3 ....	.98		.98	
Fimple .....				.02
Ford .....	.38		.38	
Forney .....	778.34	777.16	1.18	
Gilead No. 3 .....	1.88		1.88	
Gilead No. 4 .....	7.20		7.20	
Gilead No. 7 .....	.11		.11	
Gilead No. 8 .....	1.20		1.20	
Girard No. 3 .....	.02		.02	
Girard No. 5 .....	1.25		1.25	
Girard No. 10 .....	11.08		11.08	
Girard No. 13 .....	3.15		3.15	
Girard No. 25 .....	.04		.04	
Gilead No. 2 .....	.05		.05	
Gray .....	10.53		10.53	
Hayes Brook .....	1.10		1.10	
Hills .....	15.29		15.29	
Holmes & Evans ....	.62	2294.84	2295.26	.20
Holmes .....	15.73		15.73	
Hendricks .....	520.20	512.45	7.75	

Kinderhook 1 .....	.59			.59
Knowles .....	11.16			11.16
Lampman .....	.43			.43
Langs .....	47.08		13.40	33.68
Lucas & Burch .....	6.02	714.42	713.87	6.57
Mansfield .....	2.42			2.42
Morey .....	.87			.87
Morrison .....	4.03			4.03
Mowry Matteson ....	5.02			5.02
Montgomery .....	141.16		28.65	112.51
Messenger & Bush ..		598.77	598.77	
Moore & Page .....		522.43	516.34	6.09
Murray .....		1027.51	1003.68	23.83
McCarty .....	2.80	940.77	939.90	3.67
Noble No. 3 .....	4.90			4.90
Patch .....	43.57			43.57
Pridgeon & Warren ..	2.16			2.16
Purdy .....	32.16		5.90	26.26
Price .....	12.25			12.25
Powers .....		119.20	105.14	14.06
Quincy No. 8 .....	.97			.97
Quincy No. 9 .....	69.15	.36	43.18	26.33
Ramshorn Joint ....	90.11		48.00	42.11
Ripley .....	.65			.65
Ransom .....	5.73			5.73
Ritter .....	.25			.25
Rich .....	.22			.22
Soap Creek .....	78.25		40.32	37.93
Spencer .....	11.17			11.17
Stove Creek .....	17.05		15.00	2.05
Sutter .....	5.12			5.12
Strong .....	28.21		19.50	8.71
Stanton .....	30.65			30.65
Townline .....				2.00
Tekonsha Creek .....				.38
Union No. 13 .....	.66			.66
Union No. 7 .....	3.40			3.40
Union No. 9 .....	3.31			3.31
Union No. 12 .....	62.24		6.40	55.84
White & Perry .....	.12			.12
Wade & Crampton ..	.71			.71
Warren Creek No. 8 ..	.91			.91
Wade & Powers .....	.94			.94
Warren Brook .....	4.73			4.73

Weaver County .....	16.15	6.00	10.15
Willimas No. 28 ....	12.90	4.65	4.90
			12.65

We also find \$70.00 belonging to Edward Lockwood.

We find upon investigation that instead of a balance on hand as appears under the various funds there actually exists an indebtedness against the County as follows:

### Owing State.

Delinquent taxes collected for quarter ending Dec. 31, 1908	\$58.31
Redemption Tax .....	6.06
Total .....	64.37

### Owing by County.

To Primary Fund .....	\$2406.56
To Library Fund .....	705.58
To Delinquent Towns Cities and Villages .....	440.73
To Teachers Institue Funds .....	104.65
To Survey Fund .....	7.92
To Drain Fund .....	1708.63
To Lost Heirs Fund .....	1023.97
To Edward Lockwood .....	70.00
To owing banks .....	6000.00
Total .....	\$12532.41
Less cash on hand .....	1048.32

Actual indebtedness of County January 1, 1909 ..... \$11484.09

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

James R. Dickey,  
Willis H. Tower,  
Alphonso C. Judd.  
Committee.

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, supported by Supervisor Luce, the above report was accepted, adopted and ordered placed on file.

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, supported by Supervisor Martin, the Board took a recess until Wednesday, January 20, 1909 at 11 o'clock A. M.

Leon A. Johnson,  
County Clerk.

John L. McMurray,  
Chairman.

**January Session. (12th day.) Wednesday, January 20, 1909**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Branch met pursuant to adjournment at the Supervisors Room in the City of Coldwater on Wednesday, the twentieth day of January A. D. 1909.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

Upon call of the roll a quorum was found to be present.

Minutes of the last day's meeting read and approved.

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, Supervisor Fox was excused from today's session of the Board.

Supervisor Dickey moved that Supervisor Tompkins be excused from today's session, which motion prevailed.

The accounts of O. D. Chapman and four others were received and referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Claims.

At this time the Clerk read a letter from M. D. Campbell regarding some labor performed by A. N. Brinton while Drain Commissioner some time ago and also a statement of the cash advanced by said A. N. Brinton to the amount of \$23.00. In Mr. Campbell's communication he stated that he knew about the matter at the time and that he believed it right and proper for the Board to allow him something for the same.

Upon motion of Supervisor Dickey, supported by Supervisor Stevens, the Clerk was instructed to draw an order for \$30.00 in favor of A. N. Brinton. The ayes and nays being called for resulted as follows:

Ayes, Supervisors Gray, Martin, Luce, Dickey, Stevens, Bidelman, Stansell, McKay, Rathburn, Tower. 10.

Nays, Supervisors Fenner, Hoopingarner, White, McMurray, Corwin, Judd, Steffey, Bates. 8.

Supervisor Martin moved that the Board take a recess until one o'clock which motion prevailed.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**

Meeting called to order by the Chairman.

The accounts of A. P. Little and four others were referred back to the Board and upon recommendation of the proper Committee, were audited and allowed as claimed.

Supervisor Stevens asked for an expression of some of the members of the Board in relation to the Boiler Insurance. After some discussion by several members Supervisor Bidelman moved that the question be referred to the Committee on Insurance with authority to insure if they deemed it advisable. Supervisor Stevens supported the motion, which prevailed.

Supervisor Bidelman, one of the members of the Committee on County Poor and County Property, here submitted the following report.

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Your Committee on County Poor and County Property would respectfully report:

That they have carefully examined the books, vouchers and checks in the office of the Superintendent of the Poor and they find them kept in fine shape and the vouchers books and stubs in check books all agree for the year commencing January 1, 1908 and ending December 31, 1908.

Your Committee would further report that the addition to the County House recommended by the Board at the October Session is nearly completed, the cost of the same was \$3000.00; and your Committee went to the County Farm and looked it over very carefully yesterday; and the work and material used in its construction we found to be A No. 1. We think it a great addition to the property and a very valuable improvement. We would also report that we have had the Court Room walls and ceiling throughly cleaned at a slight expense when we found that the walls could be washed instead of having to paint them. We are now having the Jail put in shape to be occupied by prisoners in the rear and by the Sheriff and his family in front.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. T. Stansell,

James R. Dickey,

Emmet A. Bidelman,

Committee.

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, supported by Supervisor Tower, the above report was accepted and adopted.

Supervisor Luce called the attention of the Board to the con-

dition of the Surveyor's records in the room in the basement and said that in his opinion it was a poor place to keep them on account of the dampness of the Room; whereupon Supervisor Luce moved that the Committee on County Poor and County Property be instructed to look up a more suitable place in which to keep said records at least for the present. Supervisor Steffey supported the motion, which prevailed.

At this time the Investigatng Committee submitted their report, which was read by Supervisor Stansell as follows:

To the Board of Supervirs of Branch County:—

Your Committee, appointed to investigate the offices of Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Judge of Probate of said County, beg leave to submit the following report:

### THE REGISTER OF DEEDS.

This official is entirely compensated for his services by such fees as are provided by Statute (Sec. 2611) and the aomunt of the same fixed by Sec. 3429-9045-9055-9057-9224-9227-10566 and 11227, which latter Section authorizes a fee of 11 cents per folio (or 100 words) for entering and recording deeds or other instruments to be paid when the same is left for record. Sec. 2615 provides that the Board of Supervisors of each County shall from time to time provide suitable books at the expense of the County, for the entering and recording of all deeds and matters required by law to be entered and recorded by the Register of Deeds; and Sec. 2616 directs that a Seal be procured at the expense of the County and a legible impression placed upon the face of the certificate of record of every instrument after the same shall have been recorded. Your Committee find that a schedule of prices as follows has been adopted and the fees demanded in accordance therewith:

Recording mortgage - short form .....	\$ .90
Mortgage (long form) .....	1.00
Assignment of Mortgage .....	.75
Discharge of Mortgage .....	.50
Mortgage-Int. Ins. and tax clause .....	1.35
Warranty Deed .....	.90
Quit Claim Deed (25c for each extra ack.) .....	.75
Administrators Deed .....	1.00 to \$1.25
Sheriffs Deed .....	2.50
Administrators Deed (short form) .....	.90



Wills (per page) .....	.50	
Lis pendens (6c per folio) .....	.50	
Order determination heirs .....	1.00 to	1.25
Part release .....	.75	
Commissioners deed .....	1.50	
Attachments .....	.25	
Tax deed .....	1.00	
Power of Attorney .....	.75	
Surveyors min. ....	.50	
Deed (long form) .....	1.35	
Misc. papers, per folio .....	.11	
Mechanics Lien .....	.75	
Discharge of same .....	.25	
Levy, per folio .....	.06	
Searching records, 6c per year.		

The last item mentioned has not been charged by incumbents of the office (with the exception of Mr. Gripman) and is usually the work of the Abstractor and except where the amount is specified in the sections referred to above the amounts charged as per the Schedule set forth, for recording instruments is based upon the statutory rate of 11c per folio (or 100 words) and the flat rate so fixed by such Schedule is more often less than the amount that could be legally demanded, than in excess of such amount, and we find that the fixing of such Schedule is fair and conducive to the expedition of the business of the office. For such further use as this Board may have for such information we find that the amount received during the year 1908 for entering and recording instruments was \$2189.25.

### THE COUNTY CLERK.

This official receives a salary of \$700.00 per annum, is Clerk of the Circuit Court, of the Board of Supervisors and Register in Chancery and receives statutory fees that are provided for his services in the capacities above enumerated except as Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Based upon the business apparent by the record for the year 1908 we estimate his receipts as Register in Chancery at \$1000.00 per annum, the fees to which he is entitled as Clerk of the Circuit Court are doubtless \$200.00 annually, and from miscellaneous matters, as marriage license, recording births and deaths, issuance of Hunters License. Copying Journal of Board of Supervisors for

publication, and all other sources amount to \$300.00, making a total of \$2200.00 from which he is compelled to pay his deputy which leaves the net receipts of this office an amount which we consider hardly commensurate with the labor involved, nature of the employment and constant attendance necessary.

Our attention has been called to the practice of the County Clerk relative to a flat rate charge in a certain class of cases in Chancery, in which cases there is charged \$7.50 and while we find that the charge is partially justified by the custom which has prevailed for more than twenty years, we find that such flat rate of \$7.50 is excessive and unwarranted by the Statute.

### THE JUDGE OF PROBATE.

The salary of this office is fixed by the Statute, based upon the population of the County, and is \$1400.00 and it is expressly provided in the Act fixing such salary that the salary so named shall be full compensation for all services performed by them in connection with any estate or matter in their respective Courts, and they shall make no charge to any person for any paper drawn or service performed by them or any person or Clerk connected with their office, except for copies of records or papers on file and certificates and exemplifications of records or papers in his office which shall be furnished for ten cents per folio, and 25c for certifying sealing and attesting the same; and there has been added under Act number 325 Public Acts of 1907 known as the Juvenile Court Act \$200.00 to the above salary.

Your Committee has made, as complete an examination of the official records in said office as the limited time will permit and find that the fees charged in nearly all cases are the customary charges prevailing for over twenty years. We are of the opinion that except in proceedings under the Drain law, the salary provided by statutory enactment is intended to be full compensation for all services performed, and that in cases wherein the County has been charged with fees, that the only justifiable charge is that for the final order therein at 10c per folio and 25c for certification, sealing and attesting the same. In connection with mention of the Drain law, we have to report that we have examined the Pridgeon-Warner Drain case, and find that the charges of the Judge of Probate are authorized and in all respects warranted by the statutory provisions governing the cases except as to the charge of 10c per folio for certain printed matter used in copies made. We find that in 27 copies necessary to be served upon parties in interest, a print-

ed description was pasted into the same, that such printed matter was the property of the particular fund pertaining to the Drain mentioned and paid for by the Drain Commissioner from that fund, and we find that any charge for that description at folio rates is unwarranted. We find that the whole amount charged was \$252.75; that an actual count shows that there were 97 folios which would have made the bill larger to the extent of 27 folios in each copy.

We also note that since the agitation of the subject in proceedings of similar nature wherein charge has been made for copies that the same have been written or type-written entirely.

We find no authority of law for a charge for hearing claims by the Judge of Probate in the settlement of estates, but as the law authorizes the appointment of Commissioners for such purpose and as it is not a part of the duty required of said Judge of Probate and as the compensation of said Commissioners is fixed at \$2.00 each per diem, we find the charge made by the Probate Judge is reasonable and advantageous to the estate, and that such practice has prevailed for years.

In the Zull, Holt and similar cases to which our attention has been called and wherein a determination of the case was not reached in the Probate Court we cannot reconcile any charge or receipt of fees with our understanding of the statute making the salary full compensation for all services performed.

In the matter of charges for postage, we find nothing indicative of the amount of matter mailed or stamps purchased, except an account kept by the Register in a book provided therefor and find that amount claimed and allowed exactly corresponds with the amount said-record shows to have been expended.

The limited time and opportunity afforded will not permit any estimate of the amount of fees annually received that would be of sufficient accuracy to be of value, but the evidence secured in this investigation discloses over \$500.00 received in the year 1908 and there are still many instances and cases in which we are uninformed.

Your Committee recommend that all bills against the County for expenditures be accompanied by an affidavit stating that the amount or amounts claimed, have been expended for the purposes and as therein specified.

We also recommend that the Prosecuting Attorney be requested to compile a list of fees allowable by statute in all matters in the offices of the Register of Deeds, County Clerk and Judge of

Probate, and that a card enumerating the same printed in full-faced plain type be required to be kept posted in a conspicuous place in each of the several offices; and that the expense of printing and procuring said card be paid by the County.

We wish to acknowledge the courtesies extended to those lately connected with the offices investigated, as well as those of the present incumbents of said offices for assistance to the Committee.

We desire to express our appreciation of the candor, impartiality and ability of Henry C. Clark, the Attorney employed by this Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. O. Fox,

F. D. White,

Wm. T. Stansell.

Supervisor Martin moved that the above report be accepted and adopted. Supervisor McKay supported the motion.

Some parts of the above report were discussed at length by the members of the Board and Judge Reynolds was then asked his explanation of the matter in which he stated his position and cited the law in support of the legality of his charges. He was corroborated in his interpretation of the law by W. H. Lockerby and H. H. Barlow, Attorneys. Henry C. Clark, Attorney for the Committee, defended his position of the law as it appeared in the report of the Committee. Supervisor Gray asked Supervisor Stansell, who read the report, whether or not there was any charge that Mr. Reynolds had received illegal fees except as such charge was based upon the statement of the law as contained in the report and in regard to which has seemed to be a difference of opinion, Supervisor Stansell replied that Mr. Reynolds had not been guilty of charging illegal fees in any instance unless he was wrong in his construction of the law. It clearly appearing from the discussion which had taken place that Mr. Reynolds' position on the legal phase of the matter was correct and that the Committee was in error in its interpretation of the law. Supervisor Gray then made a motion that all that portion of the Committee's report charging Judge Reynolds with having received illegal fees be expunged.

Supervisor Luce supported the above motion to amend the report of the Committee and the ayes and nays being called for resulted in the unanimous vote of the Board for its adoption. Ayes,

18; nays, none.

The report of the Investigating Committee as amended by Supervisor Gray's motion, was then voted upon by the Board and adopted.

Supervisor Martin moved that the Clerk be instructed to draw an order for \$5.00 in favor of Clara E. Hiesrodt for work performed by her on the report of the Committee on Settlement with the County Treasurer, which motion prevailed.

Supervisor McKay moved that the Clerk be instructed to draw an order for \$6.00 for W. T. Stansell, F. D. White, J. R. Dickey and E. A. Bidelman for labor performed by them outside of the regular work. Supervisor Tower supported the motion, which prevailed.

Supervisor McKay offered the following resolution, which prevailed:

Resolved that we extend a vote of thanks to the Chairman of this Board for the unbiased and efficient manner in which he has discharged the several duties of the sessions of this Board in the past year.

Supervisor Stansell moved that the Board also extend a vote of thanks to the recently elected Clerk and Mrs. Hiesrodt, the Deputy Clerk, for their earnest efforts in behalf of the Board at this session, which motion prevailed.

Upon motion of Supervisor McKay, supported by Supervisor Tower, the Board adjourned without day.

Leon A. Johnson,  
Clerk.

John L. McMurray,  
Chairman.



# WITNESS ORDERS.

162	M. Durr .....	\$4.60	204	W. H. King .....	.48
163	Daniel Clouse .....	2.25	205	W. H. King .....	.85
164	Homer Sager .....	2.25	206	Edward H. Mott ..	.85
165	James George .....	2.45	207	Dr. H. A. Grube ..	.85
166	Llewellyn Carpenter ..	2.45	208	N. Baldwin .....	.85
167	Grover Himebaugh .....	2.25	209	A. G. Holbrook ...	.85
168	Charles Clouse .....	2.25	210	Harlan Bowdish ..	.85
169	Lester Richardson .....	1.95	211	Melvin Edwards ..	.85
170	Clyde Fuller .....	.98	212	Clyde Lindquist ...	.85
171	John Bowers .....	3.20	213	Vern Tucker .....	.48
172	Chas. Hendricks ..	1.60	214	John Monocchio ..	1.70
173	Jessie Ives .....	.60	215	Pasquate Rubbo ..	1.70
174	Arthur Cunningham ..	1.10	216	Geotano Avarelli ..	.95
175	Chas. Ross .....	1.10	217	Frank Soriamo ...	.95
176	Wm. C. Henderson ..	.48	218	Geochriao Aossalle ..	1.70
177	W. C. Henderson ..	.48	219	Andrew Vetolo ...	1.70
178	John D. Parks .....	.48	220	Geovanni Torminia ..	.95
179	Frank McCrary ...	.48	221	Angelo Cornito ...	.95
180	Lester Richardson ..	.47	222	Ford Cook .....	.85
181	John Bogart .....	.47	223	Wm. H. Bressler ..	5.75
182	James Holcomb ...	.47	224	James May .....	.48
183	Frank Haight .....	.47	225	June Shade .....	.85
184	Chas. Wanar .....	1.45	226	Frank Rustine ....	2.20
185	John Carter .....	1.95	227	Chas. Z. Bates ....	2.50
186	Glenn Carter .....	1.85	228	Willard Smith ....	1.60
187	J. N. Boyer .....	1.75	229	Albert J. Marshall ..	2.40
188	Riga Boyer .....	1.75	230	Ervin Otis .....	.85
189	John Ckoski .....	1.85	231	Orie Otis .....	1.35
190	William Wanar ...	1.45	232	Richard Bishop ...	1.35
191	Jay Wanar .....	1.35	233	Leo Bishop .....	1.35
192	Emma Noyes .....	1.75	234	George Turner ....	.48
193	Maggie Chorski ...	1.85	235	Chas. Bishop .....	1.35
194	S. R. Turner .....	.95	236	N. E. Yesner .....	.48
195	J. E. Outwater ....	.95	237	Wm. Bresler .....	12.50
196	C. W. Bennett ....	.48	238	Alex Carp .....	5.85
197	Patrick Craig .....	2.05	239	James B. Smullen ..	.48
198	William Chard ....	2.05	240	Thos. C. Smith ...	5.35
199	Chas. Chard .....	2.05	241	Wm. Coe .....	.85
200	Boyd Salisbury ...	2.05	242	Myrtle Smith .....	.85
201	F. Little .....	2.05	243	Roy Hiesrodt .....	.85
202	Gilbert Treadwell ..	2.05	244	Guy Houghtaling ..	1.90
203	Wm. DeClute ....	.87			



245	Frank Houghtaling	1.90	290	L. F. Humphrey ..	3.10
246	Thos. Spencer ....	2.17	291	Willard Smith ....	1.10
247	John Smith .....	2.30	292	B. Newman .....	1.10
248	Eugene Noble ....	5.10	293	June Shade .....	3.10
249	Albert VanWagner	5.65	294	Hannah Boyer ....	1.10
250	Ray Babcock .....	3.10	295	Edwin Nichols ....	.48
251	Jennie Miller .....	4.85	296	B. E. Barlow .....	2.10
252	Wm. Miller .....	5.60	297	A. A. Marshall ....	1.90
253	Frank McIntyre ..	2.25	298	Edwin Nichols ....	.48
254	Alford Eitnrear ...	2.05	299	Hiram Wood .....	.48
255	Frank Houghtaling	1.62	300	Hiram Wood .....	.95
256	Chas. T. Waffle ..	4.10	301	Lester Richardson	.48
257	Mary Inde .....	.85	302	H. P. Mowry .....	.48
258	Frederick Mellen ..	.48	303	Peter Cook .....	.48
259	Maud Philo .....	1.60	304	Thos. Kahoe .....	.78
260	L. J. Gripman ....	.45	305	F. M. Rustine ....	1.70
261	H. A. Grube .....	13.10	306	Emma Doll .....	1.53
262	Hal. S. Legg .....	.48	307	Chas Perk .....	1.15
263	Earl Toner .....	2.10	308	Alphonso Tyler ...	3.70
264	Sam Smith .....	5.70	309	L. J. Gripman ....	1.70
265	Fred Sutherland ...	4.40	310	John Hardenbrook	1.70
266	Romeo Castle .....	2.10	311	M. F. Hiesrodt ....	1.70
267	Oscar Todd .....	3.20	312	Anson Manwarren	.85
268	Nathan Harmon ..	4.30	313	Fred G. Barber ...	.85
269	Fred Finch .....	1.10	314	Starr Akenhead ...	.85
270	Frank Hinkle .....	3.10	315	Chas. Brown .....	.85
271	V. G. Harris .....	7.10	316	L. J. Gripman ....	.48
272	L. J. Gripman ....	1.10	317	Bert Paulding ....	1.10
273	Ed Mott .....	3.10	318	Mrs. Pomeranki ..	1.60
274	Ford Cook .....	3.20	319	Geo. Payne .....	1.10
275	Rilla Bunnell .....	3.10	320	L. J. Gripman ....	1.10
276	Wm. King .....	2.10	321	G. E. Kleindinst ..	1.10
277	Mary Conrad .....	2.10	322	Ezra Shoecraft ....	1.10
278	Frank Garrison ...	.48	323	Col. Marquette ....	1.10
279	Daniel Adams ....	.48	324	E. A. Moore .....	1.10
280	George Alger .....	.48	325	L. J. Gripman ....	.50
281	Katie Noblit .....	2.40	326	E. D. Legg .....	.48
282	Arthur Burch .....	2.10	327	Wm. Cole .....	2.20
283	Hannah Mawhood	2.10	328	Mvrtle Smith .....	2.20
284	Mattie Crozier ....	2.10	329	Emma Ramsdell ..	1.85
285	Flossie Hopkins ..	18.30	330	Wm. F. Ramsdell .	1.85
286	Spencer Young ...	2.10	331	Ray Ramsdell ....	1.85
287	Melvina Bair .....	2.10	332	Chas. Thompson ..	1.10
288	Frank Bair .....	2.10	333	Marv Inde .....	2.20
289	Arthur Cunningham	1.10	334	E. E. Ellsworth ...	.45

335	Daniel Dusler . . . .	.48	252	Andy Swantek . . . .	2.10
336	Erba Speaker . . . .	1.85	253	John Cunningham . . .	3.60
337	H. G. McIntosh . . .	1.75	354	Geo. Misner . . . . .	3.60
338	Hugh Ramsdell . . .	1.60	355	Mary Misner . . . . .	3.60
339	Vincent Lavinczak . .	.85	356	Mrs. John Craft . . .	2.60
340	Mike Shekorski . . .	.85	357	W. A. Griffith . . . .	1.10
341	Harry Jennings . . .	17.10	358	Maud Philo . . . . .	3.70
342	Oliver H. Holt . . . .	8.60	359	Emma Philo . . . . .	4.50
343	Maggie Fincham . . .	3.30	360	Frank Treacher . . . .	2.60
344	Frank McIntyre . . .	3.60	361	Leon A. Johnson . . .	.48
345	Chas. Waffle . . . . .	3.30	362	John Hardenbrook . . .	1.10
346	Alfred J. Eitnear . . .	3.30	363	John Hardenbrook . . .	3.10
347	Frank Ludwick . . . .	1.05	364	Daniel C. Card . . . .	3.10
348	William Alderman . . .	.85	365	Leon A. Johnson . . .	.50
349	A. S. VanFleet . . . .	.85	366	Polly Colpetsir . . . .	4.15
350	F. V. Bathrick . . . .	2.40	367	Bertha Brooks . . . .	4.15
251	Sol Tavlör . . . . .	2.40			

### JUSTICE JURORS ORDERS.

203	A. W. Grice . . . . .	\$ 60	227	E. A. Brown . . . . .	4.60
204	Clare Wise . . . . .	.60	228	W. B. Chiesman . . . .	.85
205	Starr Akenhead . . .	.60	229	J. Harry Wright . . . .	.85
206	C. C. Mix . . . . .	.60	230	Norman Alger . . . . .	.85
207	S. Schrontz . . . . .	.60	231	Frank Brown . . . . .	.85
208	Bernard Lilly . . . . .	.60	232	E. H. Warner . . . . .	.85
209	A. VanOrder . . . . .	.85	233	A. W. Merris . . . . .	.85
210	John Philo . . . . .	.85	234	Albert Fiske . . . . .	.85
211	Geo. E. Canrike . . . .	.85	235	J. S. Davis . . . . .	.85
212	J. G. Wetmore . . . . .	.85	236	Wells Knapp . . . . .	.85
213	N. Gleason . . . . .	.85	237	C. G. Babcock . . . . .	.85
214	Chas. W. Bater . . . .	.85	238	E. R. Clark . . . . .	.85
215	Edward Henning . . . .	.85	239	Geo. E. Robinson . . . .	.85
216	C. W. Albertson . . . .	1.70	240	Adelbert Wickes . . . .	4.60
217	Geo. E. Robinson . . . .	1.70	241	Herbert Grinnell . . . .	4.60
218	C. J. Noyes . . . . .	1.70	242	Frank Hart . . . . .	4.60
219	C. G. Babcock . . . . .	1.70	243	E. E. Bennett . . . . .	4.60
220	Wells Knapp . . . . .	1.70	244	Abram Grice . . . . .	4.60
221	Albert Fiske . . . . .	1.70	245	Fred Fulkerson . . . .	4.60
222	C. D. Sutton . . . . .	4.60	246	Chas. Smith . . . . .	1.10
223	B. L. VanAken . . . .	4.60	247	A. M. Teachout . . . .	1.10
224	Francis Flandermeyer . .	4.60	248	Chas. Thompson . . . .	1.10
225	H. J. Grinnell . . . . .	4.60	249	Adelbert Wickes . . . .	1.10
226	T. A. Hilton . . . . .	4.60	250	Adelbert George . . . .	1.10
			251	Samuel Bater . . . . .	1.10

# CIRCUIT COURT JURORS ORDERS.

2428	Leo French .....	\$6.60	2467	John Kleinfelter ..	9.20
2429	A. S. VanFleet ....	5.20	2468	Albert Legg .....	8.40
2430	Myron H. Aldrich ..	31.50	2469	Arthur Luse .....	7.20
2431	George F. Benner ..	13.20	2470	Ed H. Lott .....	8.00
2432	Elon Bertram ....	23.70	2471	Nathan J. McKinstry	9.20
2433	Herman C. Bornstein		2472	James McKinney ..	9.00
		12.20	2473	John O'Shaughnessy	
2434	D. J. Bowers ....	32.60			6.20
2435	John Brehm .....	31.10	2474	Will E. Phinney ..	6.20
2436	Robert Burnside .	19.40	2475	E. G. Shaw .....	7.60
2437	Robert B. Cattell .	18.80	2476	Joseph Sager .....	9.40
2438	Archie Chervavoine	13.60	2477	Chas. Selby .....	8.40
2439	Chas. D. Cosier ...	14.00	2478	G. S. Thomas .....	6.20
2440	Edgar E. Croy ...	17.40	2479	Ambrose Talmage	9.20
2441	Ben C. Day .....	14.00	2480	Cornelius Vroom .	6.20
2442	Alexander Douglas	19.00	2481	Orin Pierce .....	7.00
2443	Oscar Dubendorf	13.00	2482	Elon Bertram ....	2.10
2444	P. D. Gray .....	31.80	2483	Chas. Graf .....	2.50
2445	Fred Herriff .....	27.60	2484	Wm. Welch .....	2.10
2446	Byron Johnson ...	12.20	2485	Rolland Dovey ....	2.70
2447	Eddie Keyes .....	31.80	2486	Frank Dayharsh ..	2.70
2448	Edward C. Lockwood		2487	Fred Conklin .....	2.70
		26.40	2488	Eugene Hiesrodt ..	2.90
2449	Delbert Poats ....	38.20	2489	Nelson Russell ...	2.70
2450	Milo Silbaugh ...	19.40	2490	Frank Morrison ...	2.70
2451	E. A. Snyder .....	16.90	2491	G. W. Cleveland ..	2.30
2452	George A. Tompkins		2492	Fred Fry .....	3.10
		22.90	2493	George W. Adams	41.10
2453	William C. Trumbull		2494	Ward Allen .....	20.80
		22.90	2495	Wm. H. Armstrong	33.60
2454	Ellsworth C. Wooster		2496	John Beck .....	13.70
		31.00	2497	M. A. Bissell ....	28.70
2455	ThurLOW Titus ...	3.20	2498	Chas. Boley .....	16.20
2456	Jay Phenicie ....	5.80	2499	E. J. Brown .....	12.50
2457	W. A. Allen .....	5.60	2500	L. W. Burch .....	12.40
2458	Vernon Bevier .....	6.20	2502	John Douglas ....	16.70
2459	I. W. Crist .....	8.00	2503	Edson J. Foster ..	37.10
2460	Edward R. Crandall	6.20	2504	C. E. George .....	35.60
2461	Daniel Everet ....	7.80	2505	Fred Greenwald ..	40.30
2462	L. M. Edwards ...	9.00	2506	D. H. Link .....	32.40
2463	Lewis Fair .....	7.60	2507	Wm. Leudders ...	38.10
2464	Chas. Graf .....	7.00	2508	S. M. Lutes .....	40.80
2465	E. J. Hunt .....	6.40	2509	M. H. Mann .....	34.20
2466	Chauncey Kellogg	10.00	2510	George Manee ...	27.40

2511	Hiram Miller ....	12.90	2558	Fred Greenwald ..	10.40
2512	A. B. Ransom ....	31.40	2559	Claude Stevens ..	6.80
2513	Neal Scripture ...	33.50	2560	John Douglas ....	27.40
2514	John Seiler .....	35.70	2561	William Luedders .	6.60
2515	Chris Sindlinger .	31.50	2562	Alvin Heimbach ..	1.70
2516	Herbert Spade ...	34.00	2563	Chas. W. Bennett	1.70
2517	Claude Stevens ..	15.80	2565	Ivon Snyder .....	2.30
2518	Thomas Turner ..	29.90	2566	E. P. Moses .....	2.30
2529	Albert J. Fiske ...	11.30	2567	Fred Jones .....	9.90
2520	R. S. Brewster ...	10.90	2568	David Binkley ...	39.90
2521	<b>John Beck</b> .....	<b>18.20</b>	2569	George Manee ...	10.70
2522	Chas. Boley .....	16.20	2570	Will D. Tripp ...	7.70
2523	E. J. Brown .....	17.00	2571	Frank Hibbard ..	7.70
2524	<b>Claude Stevens</b> ..	<b>15.80</b>	2572	Hal S. Legg .....	7.70
2525	Hiram Miller ....	17.40	2573	A. W. Grice .....	7.70
2526	Ross Harding ....	1.70	2574	A. E. Pearce .....	7.70
2527	Geo. Miller .....	1.70	2575	Fred Fulkerson ..	7.70
2528	Wm. Cooper .....	6.20	2576	C. B. Whittaker ..	9.90
2529	P. A. Buck .....	5.40	2577	Frank Flanders ..	9.90
2530	Fred Horton .....	5.40	2578	Wm. Morrison ...	9.90
2531	Mert Smith .....	5.40	2579	John Bishop .....	23.70
2532	E. L. Shook .....	5.40	2580	S. W. Boynton ...	28.50
2533	E. A. Mowrey ...	5.40	2581	Peter Cook .....	29.70
2534	Peter Cook .....	5.40	2582	A. G. Copeland ..	29.70
2535	<b>John Burk</b> .....	<b>6.20</b>	2583	John Copeland ...	30.90
2536	Ben Fenno .....	6.20	2584	John Crist .....	34.50
2537	Richard Lindsley .	6.00	2585	Frank Dove .....	28.50
2538	<b>John Pool</b> .....	<b>6.20</b>	2586	A. R. Grove .....	24.60
2539	Ed Ely .....	6.60	2587	Ernest Haynes ...	29.10
2540	Nelson Curtis ....	5.40	2588	John Hurst .....	24.60
2541	Fred Smith .....	5.40	2589	Will Johnson ....	30.90
2542	Nelson Bolton ...	5.40	2590	Ralph Keeler ....	28.50
2543	Fay D. White ....	5.20	2591	John Kibiloski ...	27.90
2544	M. A. Bissell ....	7.60	2592	Harry Lafler .....	28.50
2545	Chas. Boley .....	7.20	2593	George Lobdell ..	31.50
2546	<b>John Beck</b> .....	<b>9.20</b>	2594	S. C. Mabrey ....	30.20
2547	E. J. Brown .....	8.00	2595	David Maystead .	33.30
2548	Edward F Davis .	36.60	2596	John Moser .....	26.70
2549	Edson J. Foster ..	8.80	2597	William D. Paul .	36.90
2550	C. E. George .....	8.80	2598	George Russell ..	39.30
2551	D. H. Link .....	7.20	2599	William Shaw ...	24.60
2552	Hiram Miller ....	8.40	2600	George Thompson	32.10
2553	A. B. Ransom ...	8.20	2601	J. B. Tuckey .....	30.30
2554	Neal Scripture ...	10.00	2602	Steve Wotto .....	26.70
2555	Chris Sindlinger .	9.00	2603	Earl Warner .....	32.70
2556	Herbert Spade ...	8.00	2604	Winfred Wolfe ..	30.90
2557	Thomas Turner ..	8.20			

# County Sheriff and Deputies

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Alphonso Tyler.

Geo. D. Miller, Under Sheriff.

Alfred Pierce, Deputy.

Marcus F. Hiesrodt, Court Officer.

Hugh Tyler, Turnkey.

Don Q. Wilbur, Quinicy.

Sigmund Wing, Kinderhook.

Will Wing, Coldwater.

George McCrodan, Bronson.

Chas. W. Bater, Union City.

Philo Gary, Butler.

Wm. F. Cook, Court House and Grounds.

V. U. Hungerford, Truant Officer.



# Branch County Officials

and

## POST OFFICE ADDRESSES

1909



Probate Judge:	Mark S. Andrews, Coldwater.
County Clerk	Leon A. Johnson, Coldwater.
Register of Deeds:	Ambrose Talmage, Coldwaater.
County Treasurer:	Frank T. Shaffmaster, Coldwater.
County Surveyor:	John J. Cox, Coldwater.
Coroners:	Joseph H. Montague, Coldwater Fred H. Harris, Kinderhook
County School Commissioner:	James Swain, Coldwater
County School Examiners:	J. B. Gower, Union City. Albert Russell, Coldwater.
Superintendents of Poor:	Benj. F. Rolph, Coldwater. E. Blackman, Quincy. D. W. Dodge, Union City.
County Drain Commissioner:	Orrin F. Thornton, Coldwater.







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